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Celebration of Women



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Shannon Twaddle performs at the Celebration of Women on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Kirby Student Lounge. The purpose of the event was to bring awareness to the Women's Studies department, Feminists Advocating Change Etc. (FACE) and Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC). Other artists included Stephanie Dykema, Sara Thomsen, Annie Ragz and Sara Softich.

Student Activities Advisor terminated Failed to pass 12-month probationary period

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

Tony Peyla, UMD's Student Activities Advisor, was terminated from his position Nov. 12. His removal has left questions for the workers whose activities he helped advise.

Peyla was a civil service employee for the University and like any other employee in this category, he was working under a one-year probationary period. Under the section regarding the probation period in the civil service employee's handbook, a responsible administrator or supervisor is in charge of overseeing the employee's probation and shall give an employee who fails to pass the probationary period at least 10 working days notice before termination.

"We were told he [Peyla] wasn't going to pass probation and the department went above the

required amount of time of giving him notice," said Mary Cameron, associate director of the Department of Human Resources.

Cameron said that Human Resources assisted the Student Activities Department with what they could without giving any reasons why, and that the department was not required to tell them why.

Pat Keenan, assistant director of Student Activities, said that personnel issues could not be discussed and the information surrounding Peyla's termination is internal and confidential.

"The probation is a 12-month test period," said Keenan. "You either make probationary approval or you don't."

Peyla's job as Student Activities Advisor required him to work with many, if not all

of the student organizations on campus. He worked with many of the organizations one-on-one and advised them on many aspects of their work. He especially worked with the Kirby Program Board, the Student Association, Greek Life and Late Night Kirby.

Currently, other staff of the department, such as Keenan and Neale Roth, the University Union director, are taking over the advising of these organizations and the other responsibilities Peyla had.

"We are working on filling the position. We won't post it until after the holidays, but we hope to have it filled by this year," said Keenan.

Peyla was the person that many student organizations went to for help and his ter-

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Drinking tickets more than doubled since last November

By ERIC WALSH
STAFF REPORTER

The UMD Campus Police Department wrote out 51 under-aged consumption tickets compared to 22 last November.

"It's been a really busy month, full of activity and incidents," said Anne Peterson, who is serving her first year as Director of Campus Police. "The file of November reports is really thick."

The Campus Police force gathered all of the following records in the last month.

At least four students under 21 were reprimanded for drinking and driving. Those students received a lesser fine because the blood/alcohol content was below .10.

Underage consumption also played a role in a false fire incident on Nov. 12 at approximately 1 a.m. in the area of Burnside Hall where a student used a fire extinguisher to replicate a fire. The alarms

were set off as a result and a fire truck was sent to the scene.

Peterson said at least one student was sent to detoxification last month. Since the beginning of the school year, nine students have been sent to "detox" and two have gone to the hospital for additional care.

"Alcohol is the source of a lot of activity," Peterson said. "Some of it we catch and some of it we don't," she said.

Vandalism on campus was also a consistent occurrence during November.

There was a vending ma-

chine broken into at Lake Superior Hall on Nov. 6. The glass was smashed and products were taken.

Also in Lake Superior Hall, over the night of Nov. 5-6, profane graffiti was written in dry erase marker. The writing was washed away successfully.

While campus police officers were checking out the Swenson Building incident, on Nov. 19 a couple of individuals were spotted attempting to push over a tree outside Griggs E-F near Vermillion Hall. The tree was damaged and authorities are awaiting word on the cost of replacement. One of the responsible individuals was not a student and was said to be drunk.

Car break-ins, also called "Car Prowls" by Campus Police, were a concern during the month.

Beginning the nights of Nov. 7-8, 11 cars were broken into. Various items were taken but Peterson said it was "usually stereo equipment." One car was damaged, but nothing was taken from it.

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"Early in the week is the likely time for a car prowler," Peterson explained. "Sunday and Monday nights are big. If we get long weekends, like the one we just had, it happens more often, too," she said.

Peterson provided some simple advice on how to take better care of car belongings.

"Take any valuables out of the car," she said.

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Minnesota gives new technology a test drive

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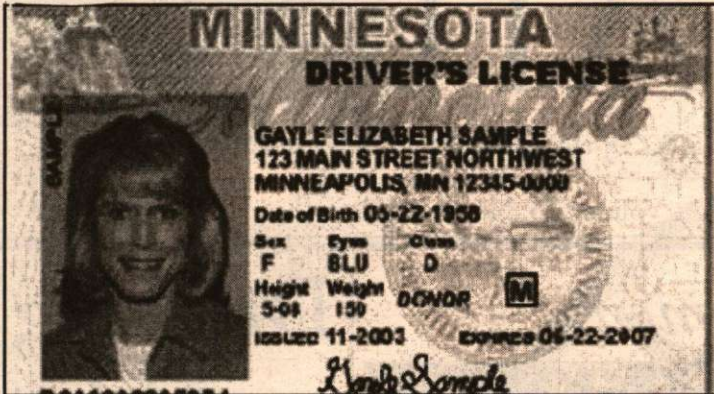
Starting next week, Minnesota will become the first state to use a new security feature designed to thwart counterfeiters, a reflective image that appears to float around when the card is tilted.

The technology, developed by 3M of Maplewood, Minn. has been around about a year and has only been used on Australian passports. "It will be nearly impossible to counterfeit," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said.

On the driver's licenses, the technique will have a distinctively Minnesota flavor as a row of "loons" will appear to float above and below the card," said Michael Delkoski, general manager of 3M's security systems division.

In the past, counterfeit licenses were largely seen as simply an underage drinking issue. In recent years, driver's licenses have taken on a higher profile as a vehicle for identity theft and even terrorism.

One of the provisions in an intelligence reorganization



An example of the new license that will have a security feature to stop counterfeiters. AP PHOTO

bill moving through Congress would impose new federal standards on information that driver's licenses must contain.

Minnesota officials said the new license here should satisfy any of those standards.

Members of the Sept. 11 commission, which also recommended an overhaul of the nation's intelligence agencies, had urged Congress to set those standards to make it harder for terrorists to fake their identities. Fake ID cards made it possible for the Sept. 11 terrorists to board commercial flights.

The Minnesota license also includes an invisible, digital watermark capable of carrying security data such as a date of birth. The information would be readable only through a computerized scanner, which law enforcement officers could carry.

Other security features include a digital picture of the cardholder fused into the plastic card and printing over the image and a holographic state seal on the front that will be visible only under ultraviolet light.

There will also be a "status check" notation on the front

and back of licenses showing when an immigrant's visa expires, something the administration already had begun to put on licenses despite opposition from civil liberties groups.

The new licenses will be issued automatically to people who renew driver's licenses that are about to expire. Others can pay \$8 to replace their current license with the new version.

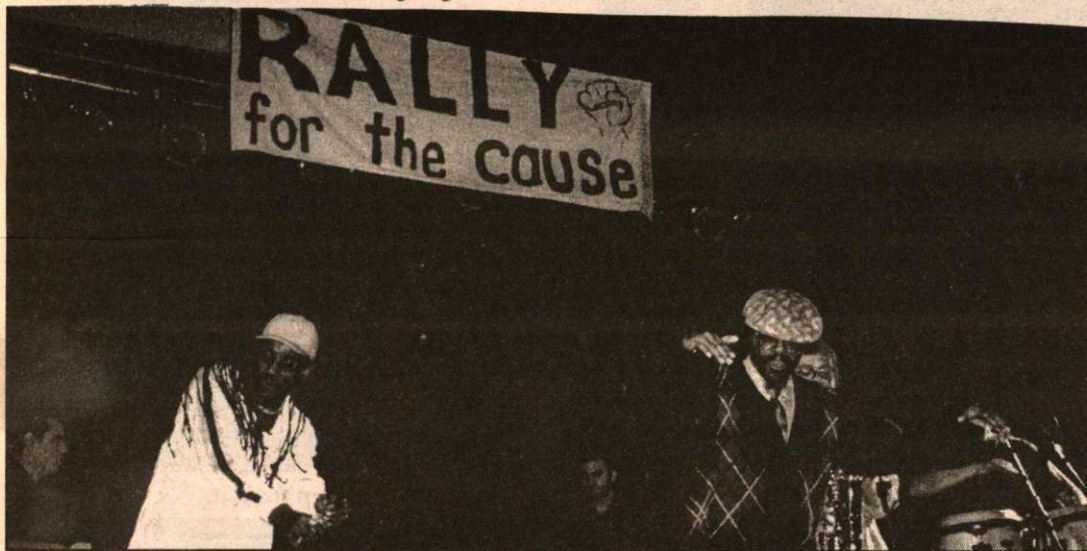
In 1999, Minnesota tried to improve driver's license security by adding two bar codes, a magnetic strip, a second "ghost" photo of the driver and other features.

But they weren't foolproof and had been duplicated, officials said.

Pawlenty said no personal information will be collected for the new driver's license other than what is already required.

The state is paying Oregon-based Digimarc Corp. \$10.3 million over five years to produce the licenses. There will be no added cost to consumers.

Rally for the Cause



JAIME BERGLUND/UMD STATESMAN

The Black Labels performed at MPIRG's Rally for the Cause benefit concert for Safe Haven where they raised over \$1,500.

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mination left many wondering why this happened and without warning.

This isn't the first occasion that Peyla has been terminated from a student activities position.

Last year, he was removed from his position as the Director of Student Life at Rochester Community and Technical College.

The college's newspaper, *The Echo*, reported that the school's administration had been complaining that Peyla had been "taking up too many overtime hours and wanted him to keep his hours within 40 per week."

Peyla had resigned from half of his job, saying that he was "trying to help alleviate the problem of overtime that administration was complaining to him about."

The *Echo* reported that the administration's reason for laying off Peyla was due to the resignation he submitted.

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UMD's Dance team had their first competition at Apple Valley High School on December 4th. The results were:

- 1st Place - St. Bens
- 2nd Place - UMD
- 3rd Place - St. Cloud State
- 4th Place - Concordia College
- 5th Place - St. Olaf
- 6th Place - St. Kates
- 7th Place - Hamline
- 8th Place - Anoka Ramsey Community College

The next competition is December 11th at Eastview High School

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Abortion will be a hot issue with Supreme Court changes

By MEGHAN KLEIDON
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

The Associated Press recently conducted a poll to find the majority of Americans who support legal abortion.

The poll found that 59 percent of Americans want Roe v. Wade, the case that made abortion legal, to be upheld. Thirty-one percent want to see the case overturned.

UMD Senior Kristopher Swancutt said he is not sure whether abortion should be legal for just anyone to receive, but he does think people should "take responsibility for their actions."

"However," Swancutt said, "in some cases I could see how it would be justifiable to have an abortion, like if the person were raped."

UMD Senior Alison Hafner said she thinks that any woman should be allowed to have an abortion.

"If that court case is changed it will only make unsafe abortions more prevalent and we as people would be better off if it remained legal," Hafner said.

Hafner said only she should be able to decide what happens to her body.

"Although each person is entitled to their own opinion, I don't see what gives them the right to tell me what I can and cannot do with my own body," Hafner said.

Duluth City Council Vice President Donny Ness agreed that abortion should remain legal.

"It is a fact of the matter that abortion should be legal to some extent or another," Ness said.

However, some UMD students also feel that abortion should be illegal regardless of the circumstances. Many of those students cite moral beliefs as their main reasoning.

Many Americans feel that with changes to the Supreme Court in the near future, Roe v. Wade is set to face some challenges.

Although there are no current openings on the Supreme Court, only one of the nine justices is under 65-years-old.

With the justices growing older, some of them are expected to step down soon, leaving their positions to be filled by new appointees.

Sixty-one percent of Americans think that new Supreme Court nominees should have to state their position on Roe v. Wade before being considered to serve in the Court, according to an AP poll.

The idea of a litmus test for the upcoming justices will be a major topic of conversation in the coming years, stated Ness.

"There will be significant pressure from pro-life organizations to have the President appoint conservative judges that might overturn Roe v. Wade and Democrats in the Senate will do whatever they can to block the appointment of any clear pro-life advocate," said Ness.

Duluth City Council President Jim Stauber said it seems unlikely the Roe v. Wade would be overturned, but he said, "We will probably see some other approach to the question."

Stauber also cited the possibility that a "change in definition" will signal that the case is no longer valid.

Stauber said that although he is pro-life, he would be disappointed if this were the only factor used to appoint a Supreme Court justice.

"There are many other very important issues the Court will face in years ahead, not just this one," Stauber said.

Although the AP poll suggested that the majority of Americans are pro-choice, Donny Ness said there "is always more political energy fighting against the status quo than fighting for the status quo."

Ness said Americans who are pro-choice do not necessarily vote exclusively on that issue because the law already supports their position and they do not want change.

"Pro-lifers, on the other hand, are much more passionate in fighting for change in the status quo and many of those voters are single-issue voters and they will fight hard for candidates who support their position," said Ness.

If the court case is overturned, Ness said, pro-choice advocates will become energized in their interest to create change, while the pro-lifers will

then become the status quo defenders.

HISTORY OF ROE v. WADE

Roe v. Wade originated in 1972, when "Jane Roe," an unmarried pregnant woman from Texas, wanted to safely and legally end her pregnancy. At that time, a Texas statute made it a crime for a woman to have an abortion unless the woman's life was at stake.

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decided that the

constitutional right to privacy "is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy."

Before this case passed, most states only allowed abortions if it would save the woman's life or the pregnancy involved rape or incest.

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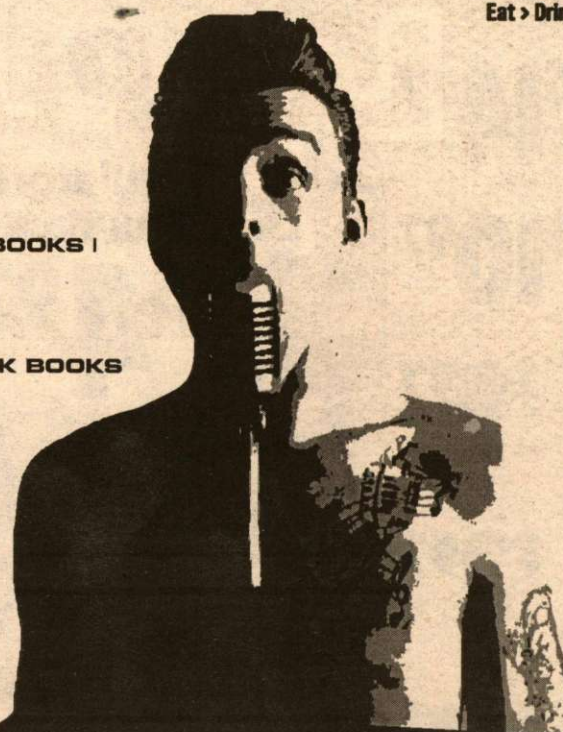
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Minnesota sees drop in international applicants

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The University of Minnesota has been having trouble attracting postgraduate international students, which worries some administrators who say the students enrich campus life and enhance the institution's reputation abroad.

Among the reasons for the

slowdown are post-Sept. 11 visa restrictions and increased competition from universities overseas. Minnesota officials said foreign applications to masters and doctoral programs have dropped by 34 percent during the past two years.

"It's absolutely homeland security, the perception that

international students are not welcome and the stories that are being heard about how difficult it is to get a visa," said Andrea Scott, director of graduate school admissions. "As a result, there's competition from other countries such as Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada."

The University received 4,486 applications from international students for masters and doctoral programs (not including professional schools like medicine, business or law) for the 2004-05 school year. International applications have fallen since a peak of 6,835 applications in 2002, said Brad

Bostrom, director of systems and data management at the grad school.

The countries most heavily represented at the University are China, India, Korea and Taiwan. Most international students study engineering, math and physical sciences.

Despite the decline in graduate applications, enrollment has remained relatively flat. This fall, the University enrolled 473 new international grad students, a slight increase from last year, Scott said.

Research institutions across the United States are facing similar hurdles. Enrollment of foreign students declined by 2.4 percent in the U.S. last year after three decades of steady growth, according to the Institute of International Education.

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus has 3,357 international students, roughly 7 percent of the total enrollment of nearly 50,000. It ranks 21st for foreign enrollment among U.S. institutions, according to the institute.

Kapil Bansal, president of the Minnesota International Student Association, said that the United States is in danger of losing its reputation as the most desirable destination. He said students were deterred by security and visa hassles and cost.

"I think it is still the No. 1, but it doesn't have that edge it used to have earlier," said Bansal, who is from India. "[Other countries] are catching up and you never know when things will turn."

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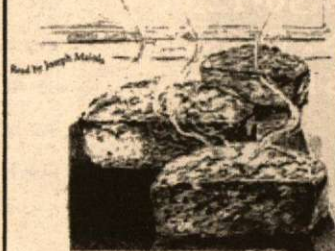
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City Council to examine sewer problems

By ZAC MANGAS
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Sewer problems that have been lingering in Duluth are beginning to be resolved after the city council voted to issue \$4 million in "sewer bonds."

City councilor Donny Ness said that there is a petition going around the Howard Gnesen road neighborhood, in East Duluth near Kenwood shopping area, to start the process of replacing sewer systems that are damaged.

Some of the people in that area have recently had to spend \$15,000 to \$20,000 on new septic systems because of the damaged tanks. Replacing the tank is up to the owner of the property.

Even though the city council voted unanimously in favor of continuing the process of issuing over \$4 million in "sewer bonds" at Thursday's meeting, Ness believes that further research and action will shut down the resolution on Monday night.

Any citizen of Duluth can start a petition asking to start a process, said Ness, and a woman living on Howard Gnesen road went door to door, talking with neighbors and asking for support on a sewer line extension.

In addition to the Howard Gnesen area, Morgan Park has

had its own sewer problems. "They've had a lot of different problems over the years," said Ness.

The sewer system in Morgan Park is almost 100 years old with sink holes in these streets and other problems that need to be addressed, said Ness.

But these issues are a little different from those in the Howard Gnesen area.

"In this case the city recognizes that the sewer lines are in bad shape, so the city is heavily subsidizing the improvements needed," said Ness.

When the water and sewer lines were originally constructed they were placed too close together, violating environmental standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to the EPA, water and sewer lines cannot be closer than 10 feet from each other.

"Violation of the code has meant that anytime the lines were to be replaced, they would have to be moved away from one another; they would have to adhere to the code," said Ness.

Construction and repairs can cause conflict.

"Some of the lines are located under alleyways in Morgan Park," said Ness. "The alleys and roads will have to be torn up so lines can be put in only on the roads - like the rest of

the city has right now. This will be a hassle for some of the residents who live there but it needs to be done and the city will be helping out heavily with the costs."

The EPA and Minnesota

Pollution Control Agency have said that this is unacceptable and that there cannot be sewage flowing into the lake.

"They have told us that we need to fix the problem or they will not allow us to build more

homes that will contribute to the existing problem," said Ness.

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House parties still a problem in Duluth

By JAIME BERGLUND
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The college party scene in Duluth has continued to be a concern for the Duluth Police Department this year, but the sizes of the parties are much smaller than in the past.

"We have probably had about the same number of parties as we have seen in previous years," said Lieutenant for the East District Peg Johnson. "But the parties this year are smaller than we saw last year."

In the past, the Department has seen parties that have had over 100 people in attendance. This year however, the numbers range from 40 to 60 people with numbers close to 40 most likely.

"We still see the larger parties this year, but it's much more common to see smaller numbers," said Johnson.

Generally, if police break up a party, it is because of a called-in complaint from a neighbor or someone within the party-thrasher's neighborhood.

"We really don't get many complaints from people that are driving down the street. It's the neighbors mainly because of the noise levels of people coming in and out of the houses," Johnson said.

"The biggest concern for the neighbors is that the parties go until the early hours of the morning when the rest of the neighbors have settled down for the night," said Johnson. "There is a lot of loud activity in the neighborhood and much trash afterwards from the cups and bottles that have been left over."

On average, the police break up around six to 15 parties each weekend although some weekends are busier than others.

These parties get broken up for a variety of reasons, but mainly because of the noise level.

If a party does get broken up, the consequences vary from house to house and person to person. For those attending, they can be written-up for underage consumption. These tickets can range from \$95-\$150. "Underage drinking is still a major concern," said Johnson. "It is certainly not a problem that has been reduced."

Those who are throwing the party can be charged with unlawful assembly, providing alcohol to minors or under-age consumption, among other things.

"We still do see a large amount of students who run away or out the back door when the police show up," said Johnson.

The Duluth Police Department keeps track of which houses have thrown parties in the past. For many house parties, it only takes one call to the police for them to learn not to throw parties, while for others it takes more.

"About 20 percent of the houses we break parties up at are chronic problems who never learn," said Johnson. "Another 30-40 percent of the houses take one or two call backs before they quit throwing big parties. For most houses, the second call back seems to be the last."

Johnson said that the biggest mistake that the person who is throwing the party can make is to believe that they can control the party.

"People show up to parties regardless of whether or not they get an invitation," said Johnson. "They just seem to flock to the parties."

She also gave the advice to not believe the "bigger is better" mind set.

Johnson suggested that there are plenty of other things to do that do not involve alcohol.

"Try checking out the Late Night Kirby activities," she said.

But if drinking is a must, she suggests drinking in moderation. This way, judgment will not become so impaired. She also said to look out for one another and make sure that friends are also being responsible and safe.

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Man pleads guilty to voter fraud

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A 19-year-old St. Louis Park man arrested this fall with hundreds of filled-out voter registration cards in his car told authorities that he forged some signatures to make extra money.

"He was trying to get some extra cash for registering voters," Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar said. ACORN, known as Associated Community Organizations for Reform Now, was one of several groups that hired canvassers to register new voters this year.

Joshua Reed pleaded guilty Monday in Hennepin County District Court to two felonies. He will be sentenced next month. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors said they would recommend 60 days in the county workhouse, plus 15 days of community service.

Klobuchar said Reed admitted he failed to promptly turn over the voter registration cards to the Secretary of State or a county auditor, and he admitted he forged signatures on

18 voter registration cards.

Klobuchar said Reed never intended to use the forgeries to allow anyone to vote twice. Instead, he wanted to increase his earnings. He told authorities that ACORN paid him \$1.50 for each new voter he registered, she said.

"It was very important for the public integrity of our electoral system that somebody, if they do something like this, gets charged, gets convicted and gets consequences," Klobuchar said.

"He was trying to get some extra cash for registering voters."

-Amy Klobuchar,
Hennepin County Attorney

The forgeries were first noticed in June by a Hennepin County elections employee, who found 23 apparent duplicates. County election officials notified authorities, who began investigating. At that point, ACORN fired Reed.

Reed was stopped in September by police on an unrelated traffic offense. His car was towed because he didn't have a valid driver's license. Boxes of filled-out voter's registration cards were in the trunk.

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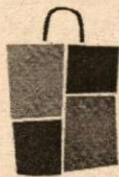
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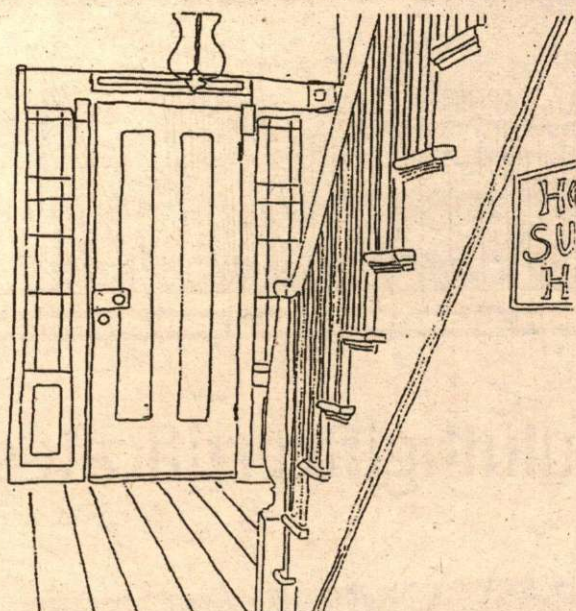
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Vaccine scare at Augsburg college

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Finals week may be on its way at Augsburg College, but the most pressing question on many minds was: What was in those syringes that a freelancing nurse jabbed into at least three dozen students last week?

Investigators said test results from the Food and Drug Administration might not come until later in the week, after saying they hoped to have them on Tuesday. Meanwhile, about 100 Augsburg students and staff attended a question-and-answer session that was closed to the media.

Student Jake Guth said he was one of those injected by licensed practical nurse Michelle Torgerson last week. Guth said he has taken an HIV test, but won't know until a follow-up is done in six months whether he has the virus that causes AIDS.

"I was just shocked that that lady had been on campus," he said on his way into the meeting. "I can't believe they let her leave after they found out."

Kris Ehresmann, who runs the state Health Department's immunization unit, said the vials Torgerson had were sent to the FDA on Monday afternoon for testing.

Torgerson left campus in a hurry after school officials questioned her about why she was giving flu shots. Torgerson, who had been on campus last month for a legitimate vaccination effort, has said she administered real flu shots that she got from her employer. She was arrested on Friday and posted bail on Sunday, but has not been charged.

She has said through her attorney that she was offering the flu shots at \$20 each to support a fund-raiser at her 9-year-old daughter's school.

Torgerson's attorney, Robert Hajek, told the *Star Tribune* on Tuesday that Torgerson was selling vaccine remaining

in vials that had been previously used. Her employer had instructed her to dispose of the vaccine rather than send it back to the company.

Stanek said the investigation will take more time before it can be referred to prosecutors for a charging decision.

Torgerson has worked for Maxim Healthcare Services Inc. of Columbia, Md. Steve Wright, the company's director of wellness services, said Torgerson has worked for Maxim on a job-by-job basis in the past, including giving earlier meningitis shots at Augsburg on Nov. 11. But he said she was not working for Maxim when she gave the unauthorized shots at Augsburg last week.

He said the company was "working closely with police" investigating the incident.

The meeting in Augsburg's chapel put school officials, police and state Health Department workers in front of students to answer questions.

After the meeting, a school spokeswoman said administrators announced that groups working in the commons area where the shots were given will now need to display a permit. Some students leaving the meeting said that was a good first step, while others didn't like the idea that it was up to them to watch for a permit.

"Who's going to check it?" asked senior class president Gretchen Hemmingsen of New Brighton. "Why should I have to walk through my student union and say, 'Are you legit? Are you not legit?'"

Augsburg security director John Pack said after the meeting that permitting is a temporary measure while the college investigates other ways to prevent a repeat of the flu shot incident.

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CRIME: DECC changes policy

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were not totally immune from activity. The Bulldog basketball game against Bemidji State on Nov. 15 was interrupted by a fire alarm. Peterson said the cause of the delay was burnt popcorn from the concession stand in the lobby just outside Romano Gymnasium. The gym was evacuated for nearly 10 minutes.

The Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) has decided to pre-select who is allowed to run around the balcony before and during the

hockey games.

Previously, fans were free to run around the balcony of the DECC.

"They changed the policy," Peterson said. "It got dangerous. Too many children joined in and they were vulnerable to injury."

Peterson expects the crime in December will decline with expectations that students will be working on schoolwork instead of other activities.

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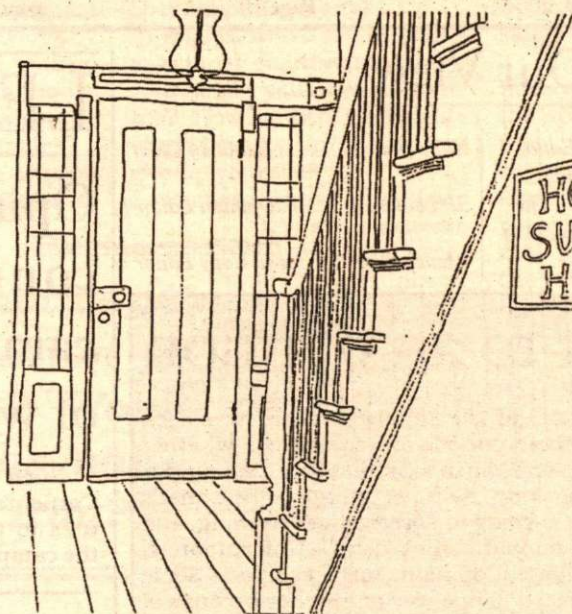
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Editorial

Thursday, December 9, 2004

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"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

- Sydney J. Harris

Our View

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The right to an opinion

In the last couple issues of *The Statesman* there have been numerous complaints about our ads or our articles. Whether it is how we bash Bush or Women's Studies or how we print too many liquor ads, someone is always unhappy. But, that's expected. Not everyone is going to agree with everything, and that is why we accept many different views. Unfortunately, problems arise when different opinions are presented. Some people believe we are biased in one way or another because of ads we run or the opinions we present. However, we would like to offer a different view. Maybe even clear up a few misconceptions.

First, let's talk about ads. It seems the biggest complaint we get in the ad section is that we are selling too many liquor ads and we "are contributing to the binge drinking and alcoholism on campus." Our intent in selling ads, besides just liquor ads, is to fund our financial needs, not to get people to drink. We accept a liquor ad just like we would accept an ad from UMD Stores. Also, on the UMD Web site, www.d.umn.edu/about/student-profile.html, the school states that "the average age of UMD students with known birth dates is 22; 10 percent are 25 or older." Therefore we have a right to be running liquor ads, since most of the campus is of legal age.

Along with ads, many people approach us about what is said on the Opinion page. The one thing people need to remember about the Opinion page is that it is someone's OPINION. The reason we publish an opinion section is to get students talking. The First Amendment protects those people who say things that are "wrong," because they might not know what is "right." We are not going to shy away from a topic because people don't like it; our writers and audiences have the right to speak their minds, no matter what their view.

People also need to be aware that there is a difference between a news story and an opinion piece. News is meant to inform people with facts and statistics whereas opinion exists to express a certain viewpoint or belief. It also hopes to promote an intellectual conversation, even if the piece itself may be considered offensive or "garbage" to others.

The views printed on the editorial and opinion pages do not necessarily represent the views of the entire *Statesman* staff, only of those people who wrote the article. In fact, if you look at the bottom of this page, you will see that we've been printing this disclaimer all year.

Did you know that you can submit your own opinion article or that you can write a letter to the editor? We have these opportunities available for those people whose voices are not generally heard. Also, there is a difference between someone presenting a factually substantiated opinion piece and someone who is just ranting and raving about something or someone they dislike. We print both because each person is allowed their opinion, but we also assume that the student body can distinguish between the two.

If you are upset over what someone said in an article, contact them. There is a reason why the e-mail addresses of every reporter or writer is after their story. We encourage you to write them and let them know what you think.

We want everyone to know that we enjoy hearing from people who have different opinions than us. As much as we try to be neutral in situations, it doesn't always happen. So, if you've got a problem with *The Statesman*, send us an e-mail at statesman@d.umn.edu. We would love to hear what you don't like about our paper. Just remember that we reserve the right to disagree.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinion article contaminates campus views of women

Such verbose sexism in Mr. Carpenter's little rant contributes to the contamination of the campus climate for women

at UMD. His statement about respecting the faculty who teach Women's Studies, but outright socio-pathic expression of hatred toward women and women's issues is oxymoronic!

Angela C. Nichols
Director Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Services & Instructor, Department of Women's Studies

Thank you for a simple reminder

Thank you to *The Statesman* and Mr. Carpenter for reminding us (albeit it in a not so kind way) why we are here.

Tineke Ritmeester
Associate Professor
Department of Women's Studies

Support the new housing project

I am a senior attending UMD and I support Summit Management's (Mark Lambert) proposed Rice Lake Road project. It upsets me that every week someone writes in and complains about the project, stating that it isn't right for the community.

I own and rent out my own house here in Duluth and I don't think that Campus Park is a bad alternative to living in a single-family dwelling. Look at the current Campus Park housing; it is clean, well maintained and

provides a safe living environment for students.

Many students like to live in houses, but it doesn't seem that the community wants us living there. Many residents pushed the City Council to limit the amount of rentals per city block. Doesn't this show that students are not welcome living among other Duluth residents?

If every time someone proposes a plan to create more housing in Duluth, residents go after them, why will anyone want to try and solve the housing problem?

Summit Management should be commended for trying to help solve the problem. Campus Park has a waiting list each year for students who want to live there but can't because all of the apartments are full. This

shows that there is demand for more Campus Park style housing

I encourage any residents or companies who are willing to propose a solution to the housing shortage to come forward and share your ideas.

Until we have an abundance of housing in Duluth, specifically for students, it shouldn't matter that Summit Management isn't based in Duluth, because they are still going to be contributing taxes, housing and jobs to the community.

We don't live in a closed society. Why then is out of town development seen as a bad thing? At least someone is trying to help out Duluth.

Eric Schmoll
SBE

Women's Studies: a great experience

I am deeply troubled and saddened by your irresponsibility and un-professionalism in publishing yet another malicious article about Women's Studies in the UMD *Statesman* (re. Women's Studies Promotes Sexism, by Peter Carpenter, 6 December, 2004). Obviously the author of this particular article is very closed-minded and unable to accept ways of looking at the world that differ from his own. Everybody is entitled to their opinion. However, when an opinion is based on hate and ignorance we as members of the community must put a stop to it. *The Statesman* failed to do this.

Mr. Carpenter claims to be learning "next to nothing" in his Introduction to Women's Studies class and for this I place the blame on him. We are all in control of our own minds and bod-

ies and clearly he is choosing not to learn. Also, Mr. Carpenter claims he is "not a woman hater, sexist pig or whatever." However, a woman hater and sexist pig are exactly the ways in which he is behaving.

Women's Studies is not a field that puts the blame on men or hates men, as Mr. Carpenter seems to think. Instead Women's Studies works to adjust society and people's patriarchal tendencies in order to create positive change in this world. I suggest that Mr. Carpenter is feeling defensive because of the male privilege he is learning to recognize and question in his own life through his attendance in a Women's Studies course. Because of this defensive feeling he is thus lashing out at the very place where he is learning to query all that he has taken for granted. It's really quite a classic reaction and I feel he has made a fool of himself in your paper and you have made a fool of yourselves by publishing his pathetic rants.

I am a graduate of UMD and I majored in Women's Studies and Anthropology while I was there. Currently I am an An-

thropology/Women's Studies graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I have recently presented a paper at a gender and archaeology conference at the University of Calgary, Canada and I was also a paper presenter at a women's studies conference at Marquette University here in Wisconsin. Mr. Carpenter wants to know what one can do with a Women's Studies degree and I say to him ANYTHING! Obviously I've already made great strides in my field of study and I will be published next year.

Being a part of the Women's Studies program at UMD was one of the best experiences of my life and the knowledge I gained from participating in this particular department has taken me very far with both my educational and professional goals. I know that I will continue to succeed and I will not stand by and let such a sad and ill-informed character as Mr. Carpenter bash one of the best departments UMD has to offer its students.

Jessica Heydt-Nelson
UMD Alumna

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, GUEST COLUMNS

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Ingredients for a new American revolution



By BRIAN STEWART
STAFF WRITER

Before you begin reading this column, please go to the office of one of your professors and grab a Scantron. Why? I have a test for you. Unlike almost everything you will learn throughout your time at UMD (no offense to any professors reading this), these questions are actually important. Do you have your No. 2 pencil ready? Okay, let's go.

Let's say you have the ability to go back in time. After you have invested in Microsoft, slept with Marilyn Monroe and bought Manhattan for some beads, you have the chance to do some good. But this changing of history comes with some hard decisions that must be made.

Let's say that the Patriot Act, passed before 9/11 rather than after, would have averted that disaster. Would we have happily embraced it with that foresight? Would we have given up any or all of our Con-

stitutional rights? Would we have gladly thrown open all our records to the FBI?

What about the torture of prisoners? What if we could go back, arrest certain people, torture them for information and bring back to life the thousands who died that day? Would we have later seen the pictures of the tortures and said, "It will save thousands of lives, it is justified?"

What if a pre-emptive attack on a sovereign nation would have averted 9/11? Would we have protested it, as many protested the war on Iraq? Or would we have put up

a "Liberate Iraq, Support Our Troops" lawn sign? Would we have taken that extra step and joined the army, actively fighting to save those lives? Would we have considered those lives lost in this war, whether American or otherwise, as more or less valuable than those saved from future burning towers?

Would we submit to any procedure, no matter how invasive, inconvenient or unpleasant, at the airport if we knew it would keep our country safe? Would we consider

profiling, racial or otherwise, a perfectly acceptable method of screening passengers for flights? Would we perpetuate racism, even if passively, by acknowledging that young, male Muslims are far more likely to hijack an airplane than elderly, white females?

If we knew that a Muslim male was planning to detonate

we value our lives and well-being? How do the scales tilt when they are set against the liberties of the many?

How far would you be willing to go to safeguard your country, your family, your friends, yourself? How many of your rights would you give up? Would you give up your life?

Perhaps these questions seem extreme and at the moment many of them are. Consider the fact that we do not have supernatural foresight. We cannot turn back the clock and our country and its leaders must base all their

decisions on often-incomplete intelligence and guesswork. Some of these questions, or at least the principles behind them, already float beneath the surface of the American psyche, but most are too afraid to voice them and have absolutely no idea what their answers would be in any case.

I, like most, am willing to make some concessions to ensure our safety. Generally speaking, we haven't been attacked on our home soil in quite a long time and, as a

result, we've become a spoiled, complacent, soft country. It may well be necessary to give up something to attain the safety we desire.

There are many out there, however, including some in the upper levels of our government, who believe that security should always trump civil liberties. I am of the rather pessimistic opinion that they may someday underestimate the point upon which we cease bending and finally break.

I hope it never comes to this, but perhaps one day they will reach too far. One day they will say, "There is an imminent terrorist attack, the American people will accept this law," and they will be dead wrong. Our blood is steeped in revolution and when that day comes, it will boil. And we shall take to the streets to the howling of Zach de la Roche (Rage Against the Machine) with the ghosts of our founding fathers marching beside us. And the world will be watching and cheering as America, the former bastion of liberty, finds itself again. And in this dream, my friends, George Washington is pumping his fist in a mass of American flags as we converge on the White House.

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"What if a pre-emptive attack on a sovereign nation would have averted 9/11? Would we have protested it, as many protested the war on Iraq?"

a nuclear device in America in one month, would we turn a blind eye to an internment camp: think Japanese-American camps in World War II? Would we accept the imprisonment of just one suspected terrorist for an undefined time, denied due process and a jury trial, if we thought it would make us safer?

If we were one of the people who threw ourselves from a burning building on that day, would our answers be different? How highly, exactly, do

Dependence on search engines could lead to disaster

By JP LEIDER
OPINION EDITOR

Over the past several years, society has seen some amazing advances in computer technology. Had you told me 10 years ago about the technology we take for granted nowadays, I would have taken one look at my 50 MHz computer - with a 40 megabyte hard drive (about half the size of one album of mp3s) - and called you crazy. Yet, it is truly undeniable; computers have become almost seamlessly integrated into our everyday lives. One of the main reasons is convenience - I no longer have to go to my nearest library to read a free newspaper or do research. For many, it is far easier to use a search engine than navigate the Library of Congress or the Dewey decimal classification system. So far it has worked out pretty well, as search engines rarely disappoint. However, as they become more and more sophisticated and we become more dependent on them, the potential for censorship and abuse becomes a very real problem.

I know, I know - it sounds a little ridiculous, at first. But think about it: Google, the world's largest and most successful search engine, has a little over 8 billion pages indexed. Anyone can create a Web site, but how easily could we find it if Yahoo, Google or MSN did not list them? The potential for personal bias or political agendas to have an observable, tangible impact on us, through our search results, is astounding.

The top return for the phrase "miserable failure" from the big three search engines (Yahoo, Google and MSN) is George W. Bush's official biography. Though this seems like a cheap shot, I am certainly not suggesting that a bank of computers is more knowledgeable than over 60 million people. Simply consider the ramifications if a CEO or anyone who commands power, has personal control over what is or is not allowable - even though AOL's search is "enhanced by Google," which suggests it will return the same results, the top return for "miserable failure" is MichaelMoore.com. Though

an amusing difference, it is a troubling one nonetheless. AOL's stark difference could be (and indeed probably is) innocent enough, but the potential, the plausibility of malpractice is something to be watched.

Political jokes and pranks are one thing, but what if someone in a position of power in the government asked Google or Yahoo to block a site that promotes supposed dissidents or rebels. Or something as inconsequential as certain types of "inappropriate material." Even though the blocking of specific sites might be better for society at large, it still obstructs a citizen's right to free speech. It might be likened to the government designating a "free speech" or protesting area far, far away from wherever said free speech was originally directed.

Many of us have come to rely on search engines and for good reason: if you ask it the right question, it will most likely provide you with the information you desire. But when we always believe what it tells us, where it takes us, we are more likely to become manipulated, be it through advertising, through politics or even what you have to do to become a "miserable failure." And though it may be correct in that specific case, it certainly will not always be. So, instead of googling something next time, try reading an actual book - and if nothing else (like with me), you will at least enjoy the pictures.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR *Arguments presented in Carpenter's article were ridiculous*

Dear Editor:

I guarantee that all of the people majoring or minoring in Women's studies have had to deal with more than one person like Mr. Carpenter who mocks them for their field of concentration. Yes, at first I was very angry about the article he wrote and was thinking about pointing out every thing that was untrue and incorrect, but then I realized it's really nothing different than what I've heard before. Time and time again Women's Studies majors are criticized by many others who think they are so original by getting under our skin with their off-base accusations. The way Mr. Carpenter attacked the department was ridiculous, his arguments did not make sense. For example, what kind of study compiles research that tells us "girls are eight times less likely to call out comments than boys? This isn't something you can test people on!" I don't understand what he expected when he signed up for Intro. to Women's Studies. I suspect that he just wants attention from some "angry feminists," so then he can call us names, but as for me and my fellow Women's Studies majors we are calm, collected and feel embarrassed for him. According to the headline we were supposed to hear about why Women's Studies was sexist and didn't receive one credible example whatsoever. However, we do indeed thank Mr. Carpenter for the free advertising. Now most of UMD knows about our department and also that we do welcome men into our classrooms. I would also like to point out that Mr. Carpenter said he is a fan of "Dubya" which I'm assuming means George W. Bush, the same George W. Bush whose campaign had one of its slogans claiming that "W stands for Women," so if that were true even Bush would shake his head at his number one fan's "article." I would also like to wish Mr. Carpenter the best of luck getting any female in her right mind on this campus to date him if he is going to continue saying things like "I know some of you may think I'm ignorant about this, but I just don't care." Point proven, case closed.

Molly Duepner, CLA

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One nerd to rule them all

By KEVIN SEMLAK
STAFF REPORTER

Fifty-year-old Sheryl Tastic of Superior, Wisconsin found an adult fantasy comic book underneath her 23-year-old son, Fran's, mattress early Monday afternoon.

"I was cleaning his room like I do every week and when I went to change his sheets, I found this book of illustrated smut underneath his mattress. There were nipples and everything. It looked really worn out and some of the pages were stuck together," Tastic said.

"I knew he liked to watch those Japanese ani-what-ever cartoons on TV with those women with big eyes and big chests, but I never thought he would take it this far," said Tastic of the "Lord Horny" book, which chronicles the sexual adventures of a man and takes place in a mythical world much like that in the "Lord of the Rings" films.

Sheryl's husband, Frank, has a different take on his wife's discovery.

"Doesn't surprise me one bit. The kid's weird," he said. "What with him always watchin' 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' and trading Magic cards with boys half his age. He should be helping me cut wood out in the yard but instead he's upstairs punishing himself to some fantasy comic smut. I'm gonna go watch some football."

Fran bears a striking resemblance to "Lord of the Rings" Director Peter Jackson. From behind a rubber orc mask, he said, "My dad's always on my case about this kind of stuff. 'Quit speaking elvish, stop wearing that wizard hat when you drive and, for Christ's sake, get a job,' he says, but it never stops me. Why should I stop touching myself while looking at comic books? Those pointy ears are so hot."

Fran's been an avid fan of fantasy-based fiction since he first saw the movie "Krull" at age five. "It opened a whole new world for me - one where I could fit in perfectly with a group of people who don't even

exist. In the world of fantasy, I'm a warrior or a wizard, not just some frumpy 23-year-old virgin with bad skin."

"This one time," Fran's mother said, "I walked into his room and he had that 'Tomb Raider' videogame on pause. I didn't think much of it at the time, but he was lying in bed and looked kinda' sweaty and nervous at my presence."

"I wasn't masturbating then," said Fran, putting on a Harry Potter-esque wizard hat. "I was just worked up from playing the game under too many layers of blankets. Get off it." His lips move silently as he presumably casts a spell.

Sheryl and Frank have, for the most part, come to terms with Fran's unusual interests.

"We've decided to let Fran be the weird loner that he is and that it's wrong of us to judge him by his masturbation preferences," the Tastics said.

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Random Genius

I like sponges. They are so non-confrontational.
I mean, what would a sponge do if you kicked it?
Nothing, right? Right. Sponges rock.

This has been a private moment with John Koepp.
Thank you for tuning in.

Top Ten Reasons Christmas Is Overrated

By Tim Anderson

1. Unemployment rates for midgeets skyrocket the next day.
2. No, really. Go ahead, Mom. Tell the family the story of the bed wetting incident for the 10th time.
3. Spirit of giving allows hookers to haggle another \$5 out of you.
4. Not enough alcohol in the eggnog.
5. Getting caught under the mistletoe with that skank from accounting.
6. You never get what you *really* want - Bill O'Reilly will still be alive on December 26.
7. Most people bust their asses at work all year without a thank you, yet that fat bastard Kringle works one night and he's loved worldwide.
8. The holidays haven't been the same since Santa's assault and battery charges.
9. You're considered a tightwad when you do your holiday shopping at the convenience store, yet those crappy mittens your grandmother gives you are "heartfelt."
10. An inner city youth could be at the top of Santa's nice list, but if his parents work at Wendy's he gets the shaft come present time.

Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Hi Terry,

I've wanted to write to you for a while but haven't had anything I needed help with. Well, now I've got something: I have a crush on one of my professors. I just can't stop thinking about him. What to do?

The Girl Who Draws Hearts In
The Margins

Yo, GWDHITM,

I'm pretty psyched that you decided to write to me regarding your little pupil-escant attraction. I've always had a feeling that this was a common thing with college women and their steely, robust professors. What's not to love about the middle-aged, roly-poly, coffee toting, balding, corny joke-making men that stand in front of our classrooms and talk away at the student body as if their lives depend on it?

What I'm getting at here is that if you've subconsciously resorted to crushing on your teacher, there must be a shortage of worthwhile young men on this campus. I see no other reason why pleated khakis, tapered jeans and crooked glasses worn on a 35-year-old man's bod would get you hot.

Maybe the spiky-haired, Ab-ercrombie, boozing, belching college crowd of male suitors just simply doesn't do it for you anymore.

My first piece of advice: do not pursue your feelings for the prof. Chances are that he's married, dating or weird as shit in his personal life. Not to mention that when he shoots you down, there would be a very stagnant relationship between the two of you until the semester ends.

Secondly, find yourself a gentleman that's within at least five years of your age, doesn't have a feeble pot belly and whose name is actually worth writing a million times on every surface you come in contact with. How likely is it that you'll find such a prince at UMD? I wish I could say "very," but in my time at this rapidly expanding, mallish school, I haven't come across more than four young lads that would make for a long-term, sparkly, orgasmic relationship.

Where could you turn over a rock and find a fellow? Check out the UMD library at noon on a Saturday or Sunday. Any guy that you find there at those times has got some damn fine drive and motiva-

tion to do something with his life. If he's at the library on a beautiful winter weekend day in Duluth, you can bet he knows where his priorities are...and that he's smart as hell, too. But if he thinks he's in any way smarter than you, you're screwed out of any lasting relationship and I'd bet my disheveled life that he *will* think that (not that I'd blame him. You're probably too busy gawking at your professors' asses in class to retain any knowledge).

The most guaranteed place to look for a quality man: The Gay/Straight Alliance. Women have known for centuries that homosexual males understand them best and, more and more, they're sprouting up with hot bodies and a killer fashion sense, girlfriend. These are the guys that are worth hours of pining for, even though they'll never get a boner thinking of you. If you're okay with unreciprocated love, take this route straight away (no pun intended).

Salutations,
Terry

Terry has recently begun counseling.
"No one needs me anymore," Terry said. "I'm obsolete." Patetic, huh?
Please write.
salutations_terry@yahoo.com.



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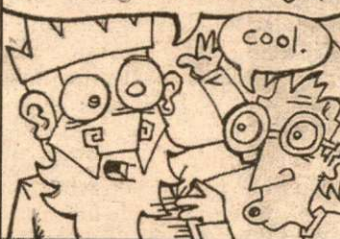
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In the midst of Cher t-shirts and big hair, Kathryn Martin got her groove on in her standard, professional suit. A hard-core fan for years, her love for Cher came from within...deep within. Shirts and souvenirs are for amateurs, after all.

United Men, Divide

by: Trevor Kueg
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Alright, you got a wand
& a Sidekick for the trip.
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take on a gnarly
demon, uh... Slap Tart?



Oh, I like your thinking!
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get to Duh-luth?



The last step in the
adventure selecting process
is the warp cannon.
Shall we depart
or what?



to be continued...

Confessions of a UMD Drag King

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

UMD student Julie "Jitterbug" Pearce is as hard-working as they come. She is pursuing a double major in Psychology and Biology with the intention of entering medical school and becoming a doctor specializing in Emergency Medicine. On top of all that, she is publishing her first book, managing her own company, Jitterbug Productions, making independent films and regularly performing as the internationally-known drag king Dante DiFranco.

Recently, the opportunity arose to interview and learn more about this unique and accomplished 24-year-old, her drag king personality Dante and her new book entitled "The Art of Drag-Kinging: 'Drag'ing Out Your Inner King."

STATESMAN: When did you first realize that you were interested in cross-dressing?

JULIE "JITTERBUG" PEARCE: As a kid, I always

dressed up as a little boy hobo for Halloween. My dad would give me a little 5 o'clock shadow using some of my

(Right) Julie "Jitterbug" Pearce, the UMD student and author.

(Below) Dante DiFranco, the internationally known Drag King.



COURTESY OF JULIE PEARCE

you do to become so well-known?

J: I started performing locally at the Main Club [in Superior] in 1999. I loved performing so much that I began to find new opportunities to express myself. Taking to the stage had become pure fun, a radical statement and a blank canvas in which I could express my personal politics or myself. How I have become so well-known in the drag world is beyond me. I know that I have worked my butt off to work within the community to encourage and build

solidarity and because of that it has taken me around the world performing. Although most of the general population would have no idea what a drag king is, let alone who I am, I have been told that I have become a sort of role model within the drag king and lesbian community. It is an honor that I feel privileged to have.

S: Tell me a little about your book.

J: The book is about the evolution of the drag king from ancient times into modern society. It brings the reader on an adventure through the culture's evolution into the techniques and standards necessary to creating one's own character. The book teaches one the process of becoming a drag king, the process of taking to the stage and the process of being a part of the continued evolution of this great art form.

S: Any advice for those who are interested in getting into drag kinging?

J: Try it at least once! There is no stranger feeling than looking into a mirror and seeing a handsome man look you back

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COURTESY OF JULIE PEARCE

mom's makeup and I was happy as could be. I've always dressed rather androgynously. My mom could

never get me into a dress growing up.

S: How did you get into drag kinging? What did

Student directs 'The Heidi Chronicles'

By MEGAN WAHMAN
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

While members of the faculty direct most UMD Theatre productions, the theatre production "The Heidi Chronicles" opening in the Dudley Experimental Theatre today, Dec. 9, is under the direction of Maureen Sexton, a UMD Theatre major.

"The UMD faculty invited me to direct this play and I am thankful for this opportunity because students usually do not direct shows for the main season," said Sexton. "I am glad that we did this particular show because it has taught me a lot about my life and I hope

that the audience will learn something about their lives as well."

Sexton says that the most difficult challenge balancing schoolwork and directing a major theatre production is remaining calm and bringing it all together.

"Directing a play can be very difficult. It's like putting together a million-piece puzzle," said Sexton. "In the end, though, it is coming together and it is going to be a wonderful show that everyone should come and see."

"The Heidi Chronicles," as the title might suggest,

chronicles the life of Heidi Holland, a woman growing up in the baby-boom generation. Heidi takes audience members on a journey through her life from 1965 in the thick of the feminist movement, through 1989 where she finds herself stuck at a crossroad in her life. Through flashbacks to important events and influential relationships, Heidi wonders out loud if she made the right choices in her life.

"The thing that I enjoy most about 'The Heidi Chronicles' is that it is a play about living," said Sexton. "To do a play

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DRAG: The art of the drag king

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in the eyes. Also, the experience of getting dressed in drag and going out can be quite exciting. You will experience a small taste of the male power world. People will treat you differently and you may finally feel like an equal with the male gender.

S: Could you briefly describe the process of drag kinging?

J: Getting dressed in drag has five major components: packing, binding, facial hair, clothing and mannerisms. For the packing, you can use anything that creates a bulge in your pants.

For binding, an ace bandage works best. You may need someone to help you out with the process of wrapping your chest and pressing down and out with your breasts to create a flat chest.

Third, use spirit gum and crepe wool (both of which can be purchased at a costume store) to apply facial hair. There are many different methods that you can use, but this is by far the easiest and most realistic. Darken your eyebrows, give yourself some sideburns and lay down your beard in the style you would most enjoy.

Fourth, get some masculine clothing - nothing that is too tight which may show feminine curves. Darker

colors and baggier clothes tend to work best.

Lastly, you've got to get into your character. Men act differently than women do. They take up more space, they are louder, they don't smile as much and they carry themselves with authority. Getting dressed in drag is not always about being the most convincing-looking one around. It is about appreciating the masks of gender and celebrating diversity.

S: Are there any funny stories you'd like to share from your drag kinging experiences?

J: Yes, I was doing a show in Vancouver with over 7,000 people in the audience. Just before I went on stage, I realized that I had forgotten to pack (create a realistic-looking bulge).

Starbucks was catering the event backstage and I saw this giant blueberry muffin that I immediately decided would have to do.

I wrapped the muffin in a napkin, put it in place and took to the stage. The entire performance, I could feel little pieces of muffin falling down my leg and had to do everything I could just not to laugh!

For more information on Pearce and Dante DiFranco or to purchase "The Art of Drag Kinging: 'Drag'ging Out Your Inner King," visit <http://www.dantedifranco.com>.

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PLAY: Symbolism in set will tie in feminist themes

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about a woman's whole life is exciting because we usually don't see life at-large we only see it day-to-day. Following Heidi Holland's life is a treat that will make people think about their own lives."

Kaitlin Yilek plays Heidi in the production and found that even though the character was raised in a different time and in a different society, she could still relate to her.

"Heidi is a good representation of me," said Yilek. "I think I related to her the most in how she thinks about men, because she is very cautious and so am I."

Reid Harmsen, who plays Peter Patrone, Heidi's best friend, describes his character as sarcastic, witty and playful.

"Because he is gay and living in the 1980s when society was shutting out homosexuals and the rapid spread of the AIDS virus was going on, it has been neat to see how my character would have been affected by that," said Harmsen.

The scenic director incorporated themes of the play and used a great deal of symbolism when creating the sets that correlated with the feminist movement.

"Because there are so many feminism issues in the show, I think the set designer found a

really creative way of incorporating art and women into the set with different slides during the transitions between the scenes," said Harmsen.

Sexton said the most interesting part of the show is the fact that they incorporated the artwork discussed throughout the production into the sets.

"Heidi Holland is an art historian who emphasizes women's art and we took full advantage of that," said Sexton. "The set is decorated with wonderful art by women that a person without knowledge of art would probably never see."

Besides coming for the unique set design and the storyline, the cast and director urge the audience to come and see the show for a variety of other reasons.

"It is a great show about how feminism affected the baby boom generation," said Yilek.

Sexton hopes that the audience members will walk away from the show realizing that it is OK to start over.

"Your life may be going in a direction on a freeway, but you can take the scenic route to get to your destination and enjoy the ride. There will be laughter and tears, but the journey is worth it," said Sexton.

"The Heidi Chronicles" runs Dec. 9-12 and 14-18 in the Dudley Experimental Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for UMD students and children. For performance times and ticket information call the UMD Box Office at 726-8564.

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Horoscopes for the holiday season

By **HEATHER TROW**
STAFF REPORTER

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not only did you fail to scare away your crush's significant other, but you've also scared away your roommates. You are doomed to drink alone for the rest of the year.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you want to seal the deal with that hottie this Christmas

remember this: nothing says "I Love You" more than smothering that person with material objects this holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You need a sexy twin of the opposite sex to keep you warm on cold nights. If incest/sodomy just aren't your cup of tea, buy an electric blanket and plenty of liquor...winter is twice as long without an imaginary hand to hold.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Perhaps it's time to settle for that persistent someone in your biology lab. Yes, they smell like cauliflower, but you need to get with them quick before you lose what little good looks you had to begin with.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Money troubles? Fear not. You will win the lottery this month. I promise. Yes, this really is the

truth. Go spend every penny you have on lottery tickets.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): The sun is in Saturn and the moon is in Jupiter—surely a bad omen. I'd stay indoors all month long. If you dare go outside for anything, you will be run over by a team of bobsled dogs and their overweight owner.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Your best friend will announce something important that could tear the two of you apart forever. I'd start being paranoid now. Avoid all phone calls—it could only be bad news.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A big career change is in the works, so just quit school, sit back, relax and wait for the universe to provide a path for you. If that plan doesn't work, give up entirely.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You will celebrate your birthday this month. Congratulations. Should you accidentally sleep through it, don't worry. The

fates have informed me you will be celebrating another one in exactly a year.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You will fail all your finals and be forced to repeat these classes again next year. There's nothing you can do about it. Just warning you.

AQUARIUS (January 19-February 18): You will die in a tragic restaurant strike, so order the most expensive things on the menu and satisfy yourself with the knowledge that your waiter won't be around to get his crappy tip.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): You massacred the English language on your last paper but you'll be given a chance to redeem yourself. However, you won't recognize it because a skunk will blind you in the next 24 hours. Keeping your eyes shut won't work either—you'll just get hit by a bus.

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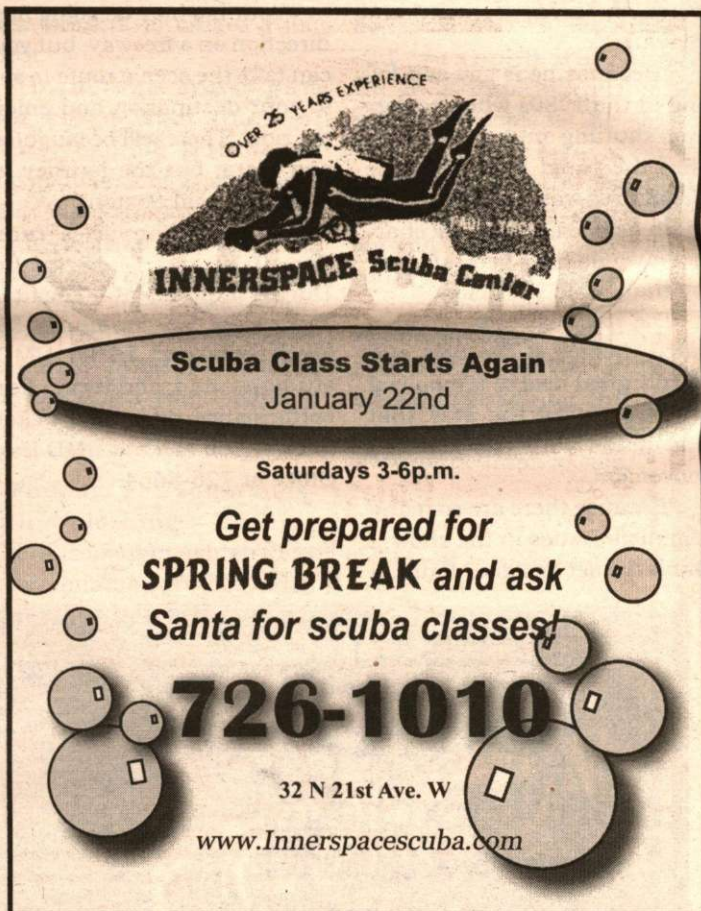
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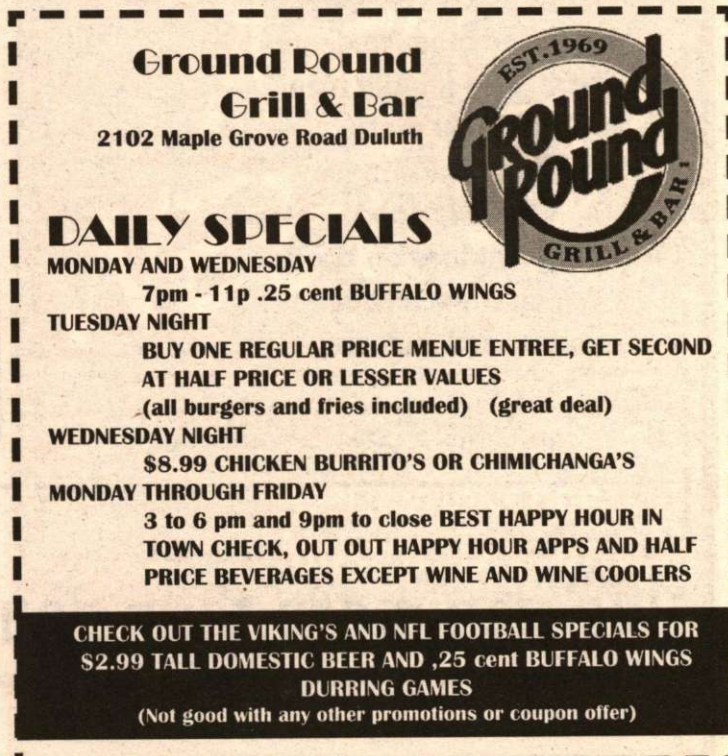
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Top ten most anticipated movies

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Let's admit it: winter break can get kind of long and even boring at times. Fortunately, it appears that there will be more than a handful of must-see films to keep us entertained. Many will flock to see "Meet the Fockers" and "Ocean's Twelve," but I'm more excited about these 10 promising films:

1. Million Dollar Baby (Jan. 21, 2005; Clint Eastwood)

Clint Eastwood's follow-up to "Mystic River" has received early praise as one of the year's best films. The National Board of Review (NBR) recently picked it as the fourth best film of the year and honored Eastwood with a Special Filmmaking Achievement Award. Hilary Swank ("Boys Don't Cry"), Morgan Freeman ("Seven") and Eastwood star in the boxing movie that will hopefully rank alongside "Rocky" and "Raging Bull."

Why I'm Dying to See It: "Mystic River" was my pick for the best film of last year. Can Eastwood clinch my No. 1 spot two years in a row?

2. Finding Neverland (Currently playing in select theaters; Marc Forster)

Johnny Depp's follow up to "Pirates of the Caribbean" is

certain to be one of the most-enchanted films of the year. Kate Winslet, Julie Christy and Dustin Hoffman also star in Marc Foster's film, which is certain to be more lightweight than his, "Monster's Ball."

Why I'm Dying to See It: The NBR named it "The Best Film of the Year."

3. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (Dec. 25; Wes Anderson)

Writer-director Wes Anderson teams up with Bill Murray ("Lost in Translation") in his follow-up to "The Royal Tenenbaums." Joining Murray is an all-star cast that includes

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Owen Wilson, Anjelica Huston and Cate Blanchett.

Why I'm Dying to See It: "The Life Aquatic" is destined to

be the most original film of the year, since it's from the unpredictable director behind "Rushmore" and "The Royal Tenenbaums."

4. The Aviator (Dec. 25; Martin Scorsese)

Martin Scorsese teams up with Leonardo DiCaprio in one of the most promising films of the year. Film critic Richard Roeper recently called it "the front-runner for Best Picture" and the NBR picked it as the second best film of the year.

Why I'm Dying to See It: Scorsese ranks alongside the best directors of all-time. "The Aviator" may just be the film that wins him a long-awaited Best Director Oscar®.

5. Sideways (Currently playing in select theaters; Alexander Payne)

The most critically acclaimed film of the year has already received a Best Feature nomination from the Independent Spirit Awards and a Best Adapted Screenplay award

from the NBR.

Why I'm Dying to See It: Try to find a negative review for "Sideways," I dare you.

6. Spanglish (Dec. 17; James L. Brooks)

Adam Sandler has only worked with a gifted director (P.T. Anderson, "Punch-Drunk Love") once in his career. The result was one of the funniest and visually stunning films of 2002. Can he do it again when he teams up with James L. Brooks, the genius behind "As Good As It Gets" and "Terms of Endearment?"

Why I'm Dying to See It: Brooks has not directed a movie since 1997's "As Good as It Gets," which was one of the finest romantic comedies of the year, does he still have it?

7. The Assassination of Richard Nixon (Opens on Dec. 29 in select cities; Niels Mueller)

The last time that Naomi Watts and Sean Penn acted together, we were treated to Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's mind-bending "21 Grams." The two actors, both on top of their game, team up again in what is sure to be one of the finest-acted films of the year.

Why I'm Dying to See It: Sean Penn and Naomi Watts are two of my favorite actors working today.

8. A Very Long Engagement (Dec. 17; Jean-Pierre Jeunet)

In 2001, Audrey Tautou

and Jean-Pierre Jeunet got together to bring us the beautiful romantic comedy "Amelie." This year they're back with a romantic war comedy that has received warm reviews from critics.

Why I'm Dying to See It: If Jeunet brings back the romance of "Amelie," this could become the most romantic war film ever made.

9. Hotel Rwanda (Dec. 22 Terry George)

Don Cheadle may finally receive the recognition that he deserves by playing a hotel manager who houses refugees during the Rwanda massacre. "Hotel Rwanda" has echoes of "Schindler's List."

Why I'm Dying to See It: Did I mention that it echoes "Schindler's List," which is one of the greatest movies ever made?

10. House of Flying Daggers (Dec. 25; Zhang Yimou)

The director of "Hero" brings us another film guaranteed to be visually stunning. Director Zhang Yimou already deserves a Best Director nomination for his earlier work on "Hero."

Why I'm Dying to See It: Could Yimou receive double Best Director nominations at the 2004 Oscars®?

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The Real World Tour Across America apologizes to the students of University of Minnesota-Duluth for canceling the show scheduled for Saturday, December 4th, at Norshor in Duluth. Landon and Shavonda were contracted by I Spy Concerts, a promotion agency, to appear at Norshor. Upon arrival, the promoter refused to pay for the agreed upon price of the show and it is to our dismay that the appearance was cancelled. On behalf of Landon, Shavonda, and Studentcity.com, we apologize to any fans that we may have inconvenienced. Visit www.realworldacrossamerica.com for more information.

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SAW (R)
1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25

NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)
1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30

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SQUAREPANTS MOVIE (PG)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

ALEXANDER (R)
1:30, 5:00, 8:30

RAY (PG-13)
1:00, 5:00, 9:00

SHALL WE DANCE? (PG-13)
1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:10, 9:20

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EDGE OF REASON (R)
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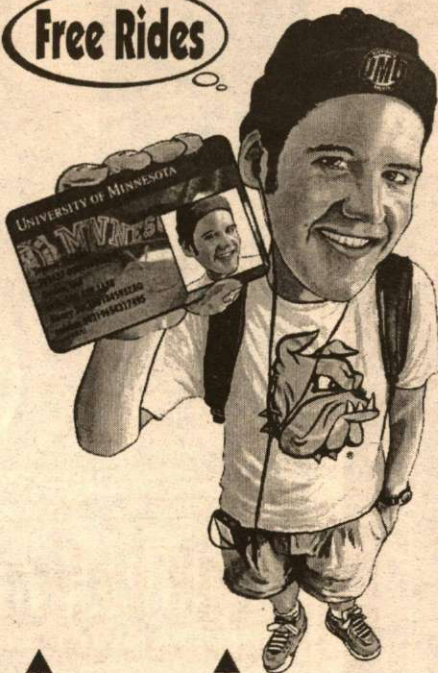
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Great gifts to give this holiday season

By LIBBY HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

With the holidays just around the corner, many UMD students are struggling to find the perfect gift for that someone special. Here are a few inexpensive gift ideas for all the people on your shopping list.

GREAT GIFT IDEA #1: Movies

This season, Hollywood is releasing a number of great movies including "Elf" and "Dodgeball" as well as a number of TV shows on DVD.

For a special woman in your life, there is nothing better than the ultimate "chick flick"

"Gone with the Wind" Four-Disc Collector's Edition. The film includes amazing restored footage and documentaries about the making of the film.

For a guy in mourning for Mordor, "The Lord of the Rings - The Return of the King" Platinum Series Extended Edition is a good choice. It is re-

leased on Dec. 14 and includes tons of extended footage.

GREAT GIFT IDEA #2: Music
With the cost of CDs going down, they are now another inexpensive gift option for people of any age. Both guys and gals would love CDs like U2's *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* or Green Day's *American Idiot*. Also, many female solo artists have released new albums like Gwen Stefani and Kelly Clarkson.

GREAT GIFT IDEA #3: Clothing

Sounds boring, but everyone needs and wants new clothes. With holiday sales bringing the price of apparel down, it's simple to find a nice gift for a little cash. For the fashion impaired, check out retailer's Web sites for info. For example, gap.com recommends looking for icy hues for women's fashions and lists a number of items for under \$25. For guys, a hooded sweatshirt or gloves never go out of style.

Make the trip to the mall and don't forget gift receipts.

GREAT GIFT IDEA #4: Books

Barnes and Noble's Web site features numerous titles, as well as best sellers. For the book lover, literary-legend Tom Wolfe's new "I am Charlotte Simmons" or a feel-good faire like Mitch Albom's "The 5 People You Meet in Heaven" is a good choice.

GREAT GIFT IDEA #5: Get Practical

Think of something the person really needs and get shopping. For example, for your health conscious honey you may want to splurge on a gift certificate to the Whole Foods Co-op on Fourth Street. A gift certificate for the bookstore is always helpful with spring semester coming. Gift certificates may seem impersonal but they are greatly appreciated.

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Tuesday, 12.14.04

The Feud
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Wednesday, 12.15.04

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OFF CAMPUS

Thursday, 12.09.04

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Minnesota Ballet
3 p.m.
DECC Auditorium
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Monday, 12.13.04

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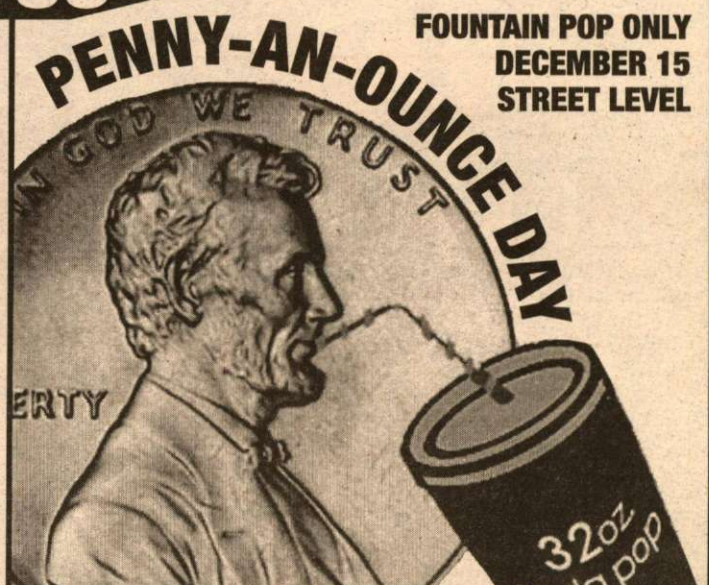
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All-American forward joins exclusive UMD scoring club

By AARON PRICE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Minnesota native Lindsey Dietz recently became the 15th member of the University of Minnesota Duluth's 1,000-Point Club for women's basketball, showing her value for the team and making her own mark in Bulldog History.

"Lindsey is a very dedicated player," said Karen Stromme, head coach for the women's basketball team. "She deserves everything she has accomplished and always works hard for the benefit of the team."

Dietz's 1,000-point game came against Truman State on Nov. 19, where she shot eight of 14 from the field with 26 total points. She also recorded a team-leading nine of 10 from the free-throw line, four

rebounds, one assist and three steals.

"It is a great accomplishment to have passed 1,000 points," said Dietz. "However, it won't change anything in my mind about how I'm going to play."

Her climb to 1,000 career points was the second fastest in school history behind the NCAA's all-time leading Division II scorer Dina Kangas. Kangas scored 2,810 points during her career from 1988-1991 with the Bulldogs.

As a junior, Dietz leads the team in points scored (171) and average points per game (21.4) so far this season. She also leads the team in field goal percentage (.551), rebounds (57) and average rebounds per game (7.1).

She ranks No. 2 in the North Central Conference

for total points scored and also in average rebounds per game this season.

"I have worked really hard this year," said Dietz. "I think that any points I score are a credit to my teammates' abilities. We work well together and because of them I am able to perform my best."

Dietz has finished as UMD's leading scorer in five of the team's seven games so far this season. In the team's seven wins and one loss over the first seven games of their 2004-05 schedule, Dietz has also recorded three double-doubles, which is the second most among all NCC players.

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VOLLEYBALL

Bulldogs lose national semifinal match

Volleyball is first sport to reach NCAA Division II Final Four

By BEKA THOMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

The record breaking season came to a end for the UMD women's volleyball team last Friday when they lost 3-0 to Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

"It was very sad [to lose against Barry]," said senior Callie Zwettler. "It wasn't our best performance, so we were all disappointed, but proud, at the same time that we made it to the final four."

The first game was all Barry University, who overcame the Bulldogs with a 30-18 victory. In the second and third game, the Bulldogs regained some of their momentum and produced more of a challenge but it wasn't enough. Barry came out on top with end scores of 30-26 and 30-28.

"I wish we would have played better [against Barry]," said junior Julie Lenci. "It was the toughest atmosphere any of us have ever played in. Their crowd was intense."

"Even when we were ahead in a game it still felt like we were losing. It was a disappointing loss," she said.

This was the Bulldogs'

longest postseason run ever and the farthest any Division II sport has gone in UMD history. The Bulldogs ended the season with an overall record of 27-5 and placed third in the NCAA Elite 8 Tournament.

UMD became the first team in history to win the North Central Conference in their inaugural season of play.

By finishing first in the NCC and the North Central Regional, the Bulldogs beat out one of their biggest rivals, Concordia-St. Paul, who they lost to earlier in the season, to advance to the NCAA II Elite 8 in Florida on Nov. 20. The revenge attitude continued with the team into the Elite 8 as they proceeded to beat Northern Michigan 3-1 on Dec. 2, a team they had lost to at the beginning of the season, 3-0.

"The best moment [this season] was when the team and coaches rushed the floor when we won regionals against Concordia," said Zwettler. "The excitement and tears were unforgettable."

The team enjoyed an abundance of achievements in 2004 and were given a tremendous amount of awards



MADDY OTTO/UMD STATESMAN

Stars (from left to right) Alicia Meger, Vicky Braegelmann, Allison Boddy, Greta Lisakka and Callie Zwettler and the Bulldogs became the first team in NCC history to win the conference championship in their first year of participation.

as a result. Head Coach Jim Boos received the AVCA Division II North Central Region Coach of the year, which was a first for him.

Zwettler ranked in the awards as well this season, obtaining the NCC Player of the Year and receiving a spot on the Elite 8 All-Tournament team this past week. On top

of that, she broke the school record for career kills, ending up with 1,745.

Freshman Vicky Braegelmann also received a place on the Elite 8 All-Tournament team and was named NCC Freshman of the Year. Greta Lisakka was named to the AVCA All-North Central Regional team and

she became the fifth Bulldog to be regionally recognized by the AVCA on two or more occasions. Other standout players this season were Alicia Meger, Allison Boddy, Rachel Langseth, Micheala Wuebben and Lenci.

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MEN'S HOCKEY

Hockey career ended prematurely

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

UMD hockey player Ryan Geris will never hang up his skates, but after a concussion in 2003 that sidelined him for the year, the fear of further injury will keep him from playing collegiate hockey forever.

In November of 2003, Geris' freshman year, UMD was playing Bemidji State when Geris was checked into the boards giving him a concussion that would keep him from playing the remainder of the season. "I haven't watched the tape,"

said Geris. "It was just a big hit. I was in a bad spot; one or two seconds to react and I wouldn't be in this position. It was just a hit that I didn't see coming."

The concussion would send Geris into a whirlwind of pounding headaches and painful mornings and though his college career was cut short because of it, Geris has no hard feelings or regrets about the game.

"It's hockey," Geris said. "That's just the way the game is played."

After the game against Bemidji, Geris was plagued by severe headaches for several months, which sometimes kept him from even getting up.

"Some days were worse than others," Geris said. "I woke up with a headache, it was hard to function. I was missing school and not able to concentrate."

Still, his hopes were alive that he would be back out on the ice again ready to play during the 2004-2005 season.

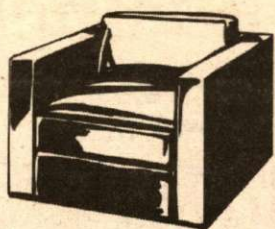
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UMD ATHLETICS

In the 2002-03 season as a freshman, Ryan Geris earned four goals with seven assists in 40 of 42 games. As a sophomore he took part in just seven games before his injury.

THE ARMCHAIR JOCK



"Who exactly are you trying to fool, Mr. Bonds?"

By Andy Greder • Sports Columnist

Let's face it. The San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds used the cream and the clear - new age steroids - to keep his reputation clean and clear. He told a grand jury investigating steroid use that he thought the clear was flaxseed oil and the cream was a pain-relieving balm for his arthritis.

Bonds said he got the "nutritional supplements" from his trainer Greg Anderson during the 2003 season. During the testimony Anderson revealed that he supplied Bonds' Giant teammates: Armando Rios, Benito Santiago and Bobby Estalella with performance enhancing drugs. All three testified to receive immunity as long as they told the truth to the grand jury.

In his defense, Bonds said he never discussed steroids with the trainer; had never asked what the products he was given contained; and was certain Anderson wouldn't give him illegal substances without his knowledge.

Ignorance is your alibi with a grand jury staring you down. No juror in their right mind would believe him. It's a ploy and to the judge it's perjury.

Yankee outfielder Gary Sheffield who has taken the cream and the clear said in his testimony to the grand jury:

"Nothing was between me and Greg [Bonds' trainer]. Barry pretty much controlled everything. It was basically Barry [saying], Trust me, do what I do."

So, Sheffield, if the products are nothing more than flaxseed oil and arthritis balm then why not have one of your lackeys pick it up from the local GNC. Why go through Bonds?

I can see Bonds talking to Sheffield: "Trust me, flaxseed oil is the secret ingredient to an MVP season."

This isn't an isolated incident. Steroids have snowballed into an ugly trend in sports as more and more athletes fall into the avalanche. Olympian Marion Jones, football player David Boston, along with baseball players Jason Giambi and Sheffield, have been exposed. But the guilty masses pale in comparison to the magnitude of Bonds.

"I can see Bonds talking to Sheffield: Trust me, flaxseed oil is the secret ingredient to an MVP season."

He was the greatest player my generation - make it the last few generations - has ever seen. He compiled stat lines that seem fiction. He broke season records in July and collected MVP trophies as if they were stamps. His home run total high jumped the likes of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and Willie Mays without glancing in the rearview.

At the age of 40 with a few years as a designated hitter in his back pocket, Hank Aaron's home run record of 755 seemed like it was on borrowed time.

But before he breaks the most hallowed record in sports his name must be changed to "Barry Bonds*." This will happen if MLB commissioner Bud Selig has any respect for the game and its fans.

Anything less would be an insult to the players, both past and present, who played by the rules. Inaction would be a slap in the face to any onlooker who put two hands together over one of his towering home runs.

Although an asterisk is a step in the right direction, more is needed. If I were commissioner I would take it one step further and christen this era of baseball as "the white-out era" and remove anyone guilty of steroid use from the records. Regardless of the free advertising provided to the BIC Company it would wipe baseball's hands clean, or white, of any wrongdoings.

Arizona Senator John McCain has gotten involved with the scandal and demanded immediate action by MLB to impose a tighter drug policy. The steroids in question are called the "cream" and the "clear" because they are undetectable so increased drug testing won't catch the users, but MLB will sure try.

A naysayer would say that Selig doesn't have the authority to do all of this but he does. At his disposal is a clause referring to the best interest of the game and if MLB wants any interest in the game they need to do something drastic.

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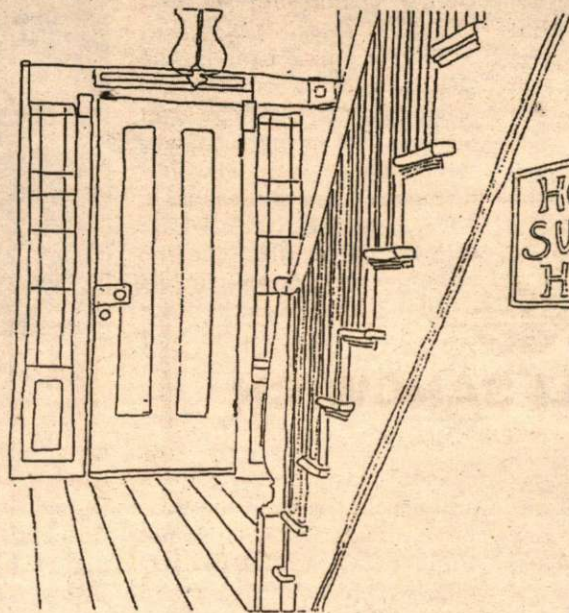
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Basketball teams take care of business at home

Men's and women's hockey squads will each host pivotal mid-season conference series at the DECC this weekend

By ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Minnesota Duluth men's basketball team defeated Minnesota-Crookston 89-60 at Romano Gym last night.

Sean Seaman took over the game offensively for the Bulldogs.

Seaman was 11/14 from the field and also hit on 6/7 three-point attempts. He finished the game with 30 points.

Seaman is leading the Bulldogs in scoring averaging 20.0 points per game.

Ryan Breidenbach, John Emerson and **Matt Rawley** also reached double figures for the Bulldogs in the win.

UMD forward **Brian Foss** returned to the Bulldog lineup for the first time since he was



The Bulldog Rundown



injured against St. Scholastica on Oct. 15.

Foss, who usually starts for UMD, came off the bench and gathered a game-high 12 rebounds and scored eight points in 20 minutes of action.

Foss leads the Bulldogs averaging 8.4 rebounds per game.

Meanwhile, the Bulldog defense forced Crookston into 23 turnovers over the course of the game.

UMD (6-4) will travel to Aberdeen, S.D. and play Northern State on Saturday. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

Women's basketball takes down the Saints

The UMD women's basketball team notched their largest victory of the season with a 27-point triumph over innercity rival St. Scholastica at the Romano Gymnasium Tuesday night.

UMD quickly established a double-digit advantage early in the first half and continued to inflate it as the game went on.

Bulldog starting forward **Lindsey Dietz** led all scorers with 30 points. Most of her work was done prior to halftime as she accounted for 25 points on 10/14 field goal attempts in 16 minutes of action. Dietz is averaging 21.4 points per game and is currently the No. 2 scorer in the North Central Conference.

"Lindsey did an excellent job [against Scholastica]," Bulldog Head Coach **Karen Stromme** said. "She made the difference."

UMD also benefited from the performance of shooting guard **Justine Axtell** on both sides of the ball. In her third start of the season, Axtell led the team in rebounds with seven, three-point field goals made (3) and assists (4). She accumulated nine points in 23 minutes of play.

Axtell is the Bulldogs' No. 3 rebounder and ranks as the

team's No. 2 assist leader through eight games played.

The Bulldogs (7-1) will embark on a three-game road trip beginning Saturday at Northern State University (6-2). Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

"We need to step up and take it one game at a time," added Stromme.

Men's hockey looks for a win

The Bulldog men's hockey team will look to return to the win column this weekend against the University of North Dakota at the DECC.

The series with the Fighting Sioux (10-6-2 overall, 8-5-1 WCHA) will begin Friday and will continue on Saturday. Both games are scheduled to get under way at 7:05 p.m.

Last weekend, UMD suffered a sweep by Wisconsin in Madison. Both games ended in 3-2 Badger wins.

The Bulldogs (7-7-2 overall, 5-5 WCHA) have lost four of the last five contests and are 2-7-1 in their last 10 games.

Women's hockey playing strong

The No. 3 UMD women's hockey team will look to extend their four-game winning streak this weekend against St. Cloud State at the DECC.

Over the four-game span, the Bulldogs have outscored their opponents by a considerable margin of 20-8 (5.0 goals scored versus 2.0 goals allowed per game).

Goaltender **Riitta Schaublin** has been solid for the Bulldogs this entire season. Last Friday against Harvard, Schaublin gathered a school-record 43 saves in the 6-3 UMD win.

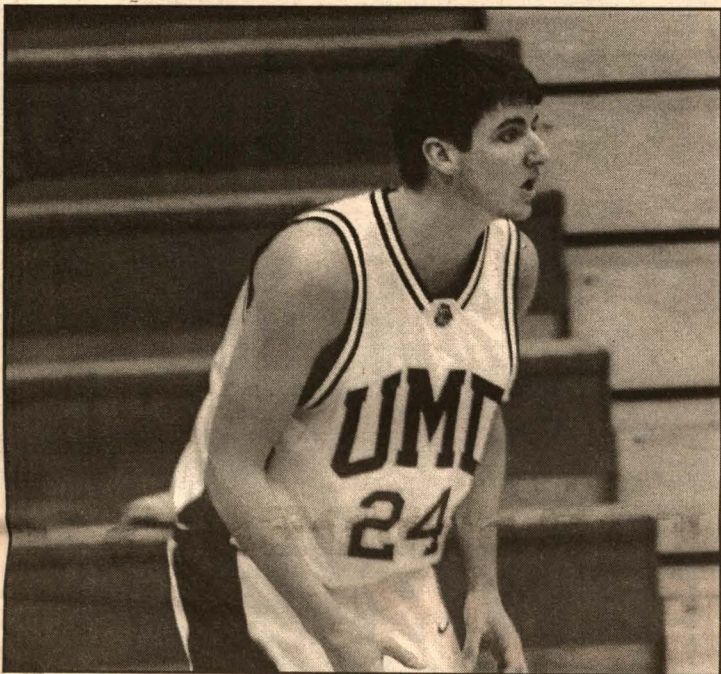
UMD (11-1-2 overall, 9-1-2 WCHA) will begin their series with SCSU Saturday and finish it out Sunday. Face-off time for both contests is set for 2:05 p.m. UMD won all four games versus the Huskies last season.

Both Cross Country squads give out team awards

Outstanding UMD men's and women's cross country runners were recognized this week by their coaches and teammates. **Rob Winterfeld**, **Neil Olson** and **Brian Polski** will be the men's team captains in 2005. **Kelsey Dahlgren** and **Kim Chapman** were designated as the 2005 women's team captains. The 2004 awards handed out are as follows:

- **Most Valuable:** Winterfeld, Sara Frederickson
- **Rookie of Year:** Eric Atkinson, Sarah Chapman
- **Most Dedicated:** Nate Beerling, Erin Foss
- **Most Inspirational:** Winterfeld, Jill Sullivan

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MEN'S HOCKEY: Doctor's warn- ings sideline Geris' hockey career

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"There was never really any talk of being done," said Geris. "By January I was symptom-free and had been cleared to play."

Instead, he was given a medical redshirt, which would allow him to play for four more years. But the lingering headaches and possibility of further brain damage has forced doctors and coaches to ask him to stop playing the game he has loved for so long.

"He's played the game his whole life," said UMD Head Coach Scott Sandelin. "Then it's taken from you; it's tough."

Geris did play five games this year, but the headaches became a problem again, forcing him to quit.

"It would just be little checks and there was no definite hit that sparked the headaches," said Geris.

Growing up in Alexandria, Minn., Geris played hockey throughout his life including with the Sioux City Juniors team. The highlight of his

hockey career was winning the national championship with Sioux City, S.D.

Though Geris was on the team when the Bulldogs made a run to the Frozen Four, Geris had already been redshirted by that time and was only allowed to watch.

"Not to take anything away from what the experience was, but again in a different capacity, I was only along for the ride," said Geris.

Being removed from college play does not completely ruin all of Geris' chances at playing or being involved in hockey. Geris continues to skate as a coach in practice and helps the team review tapes of upcoming opponents. There are also no-checking leagues available, but Geris isn't looking into them right now.

In the long run Geris would like to remain in hockey somehow.

"I've got a good relationship with some of the juniors coaches," said Geris.

Coaching is a very likely possibility but Geris will also take this time to concentrate on school. Geris is a business major and plans to work with his dad this summer at his mortgage company.

For Geris, staying close to hockey will dull the pain of losing something that had become such a big part of his life, but nothing can compare

to the feeling of the ice and the unity of a team.

"I feel badly for him," Sandelin said. "Teams are like a tightly knit family. For this to happen to a young player, it really shows how quickly your life can change."

The Loss of Geris is a tough one for the Bulldogs. The team is now left with just seven defenseman on the roster making a replacement for injury tough to come by.

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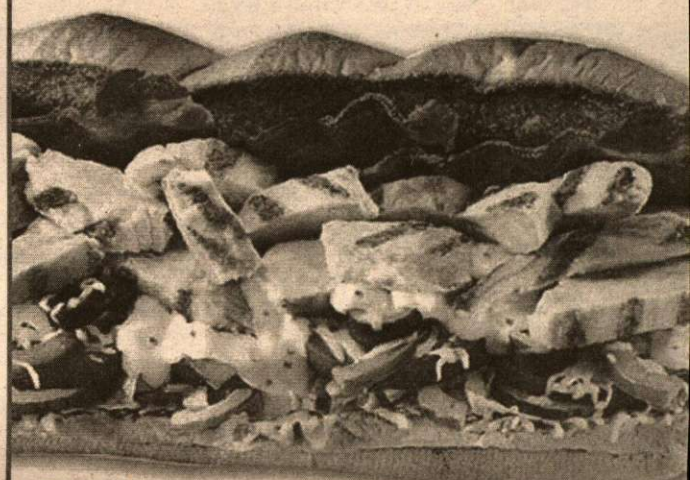
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Geris says he plans on staying at UMD to complete his degree in business as well as assist the coaching staff at Bulldog practices.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Dietz dalt with stardom since high school

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"She really handles all the pressure she is under quite well," said Stromme. "It can be very tough to score 20 points a game when you are expected to. She works hard and it doesn't seem to bother her."

As Dietz explains, her growth as a player has really helped her deal with all the pressures she is faced with in every game. Her high school career and her two years in college have thus far, really

shown the type of player that she is.

Prior to her years at UMD, Dietz attended Elk River High School where she was twice named to the Associated Press All-State Team as well as being a two-time All-Northwest Suburban Conference pick.

Dietz also led the Elks to a second-place finish at the 2001 Minnesota Class 4A State Tournament where she was named to the All-Tournament team.

Dietz's career as an Elk was just as impressive as her college career has been. She left high school with over 1,000 career points and holds the team record for points in a single game with 38.

As a third-year starter Dietz earned her starting position while learning the true meaning of teamwork.

"I think I've learned a lot about myself as a person and a

player over these couple years at UMD," said Dietz. "I've found that I can surpass any limits I thought that I might have, both mentally and physically and I think I've also learned a lot about people and comradery."

As a freshman at UMD, Dietz led the team in scoring with an average 17.2 points per game and pulled down 216 rebounds, which ranked her second at UMD in 2002-03. She also shot .633 from the floor to lead the Bulldogs and was named the 2003 NSIC

Newcomer of the Year for her efforts.

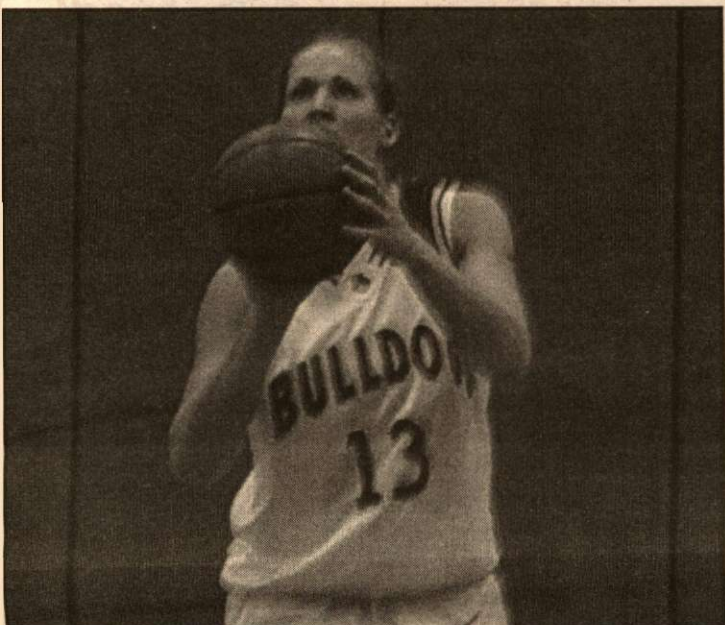
Dietz's second year as a Bulldog was no less remarkable than her first. She earned Daktronics Third Team All-American honors after averaging a team-leading 19.9 ppg and 6.9 rpg. She also led the team with a .561 field goal percentage in 2003-04 and was named NSIC Player of the Year.

During the NSIC Tournament in 2003, she averaged 21 points and 12 rebounds

on her way to a spot on the All-Tournament Team and the Tournament's Most Valuable Player Award.

"From her first years to now, Lindsey has really developed her skills remarkably," said Stromme. "Her ability is shown in every game whether she scores 20 points or not. She is a person who always brings a great attitude to the court and is always ready to play."

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Dietz scored 30 points in just 21 minutes of action on Tuesday night as the Bulldogs steamrolled neighboring rival St. Scholastica 88-61.

VOLLEYBALL: UMD has a firm foundation set for next season

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The players that will not be returning to the court for UMD next season are Zwettler, Lisakka and Wuebben.

"I am very sad that it is over," said Zwettler. "It has been an incredible four years, and this year was the best out of all of them. It is going to be really hard to let go of the lifestyle I've known so well for the past four years."

Though all three seniors were important assets to the Bulldog lineup, there is still

much to look forward to next season.

"We will be returning 11 players including five starters," said Boos. "So, we should have a good chance of being a competitive team again next year."

"The girls will be motivated to get back to the Elite 8, having been there this year," he said. "Our goal this spring will be to continue to improve as individuals and as a team."

Amongst the players, there is no doubt that this is the best team chemistry this team had seen in years.

"We had amazing team chemistry," said Boos. "The incoming girls brought a new, vigorous energy to the team that helped us play a more confident, energetic type of volleyball this year."

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The Bulldogs ended their season with a 27-5 overall record and a first place finish in the North Central Conference and North Central Regional Tournament

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"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."

-- Henry David Thoreau

Danger - thin ice, but good fishing

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF WRITER

Put on your choppers and button up your bibs -- ice fishing season has begun. Warm weather late into the fall postponed the formation of ice, but the last few weeks of cold have iced over area lakes, making them safe to walk on.

First ice can be an exciting time, as the chance to drop a line finally arrives. It can also be a dangerous time, though, if the proper precautions are not taken. When walking out onto unknown ice conditions, keep a good distance away from other people, walk slowly and try to keep the weight down. It is also a good idea to bring a rope with a weighted end so that it can be thrown to someone who has fallen through. It is smart to follow other people's tracks whenever possible, and use a chisel to test the ice when blazing your own trail. Finally, but no less important, go with a buddy. There are always a few anglers who want to be the first out at any cost, and those are usually the ones who go through. A few precautions and a little common sense should be more

than enough to keep you safe as you venture out onto the first ice of the season.

This weekend found numerous ice anglers out looking to find an early ice bite. I was fortunate enough to be out over the last few days, and have compiled a report of the current ice conditions on nearby lakes.

Fish Lake

Halfway between High Banks Resort and the dam, there was about three inches of ice last Thursday, and it looked like no one else had been on the lake. Cold nights helped, and by Sunday there was about five inches out in front of the narrows. Several people had taken four-wheelers and snow machines out on Sunday afternoon, and numerous portable shelters were scattered around the lake. The public access by the dam had a few snowmobile tracks leading from it, but only two vehicles were in the parking lot, and it didn't look like there were many people walking out from there to fish. Due to the moving water near the dam and resulting dicey ice conditions, it is probably

still wise to pay the \$3 and walk out at the High Banks Resort, where the ice is more consistent.

Sunday night produced somewhat disappointing results as far as fishing went. Two walleyes on the ice within seconds of each other showed some promise, but the next three hours of fishing failed to produce even a fish on the graph.

Boulder Lake

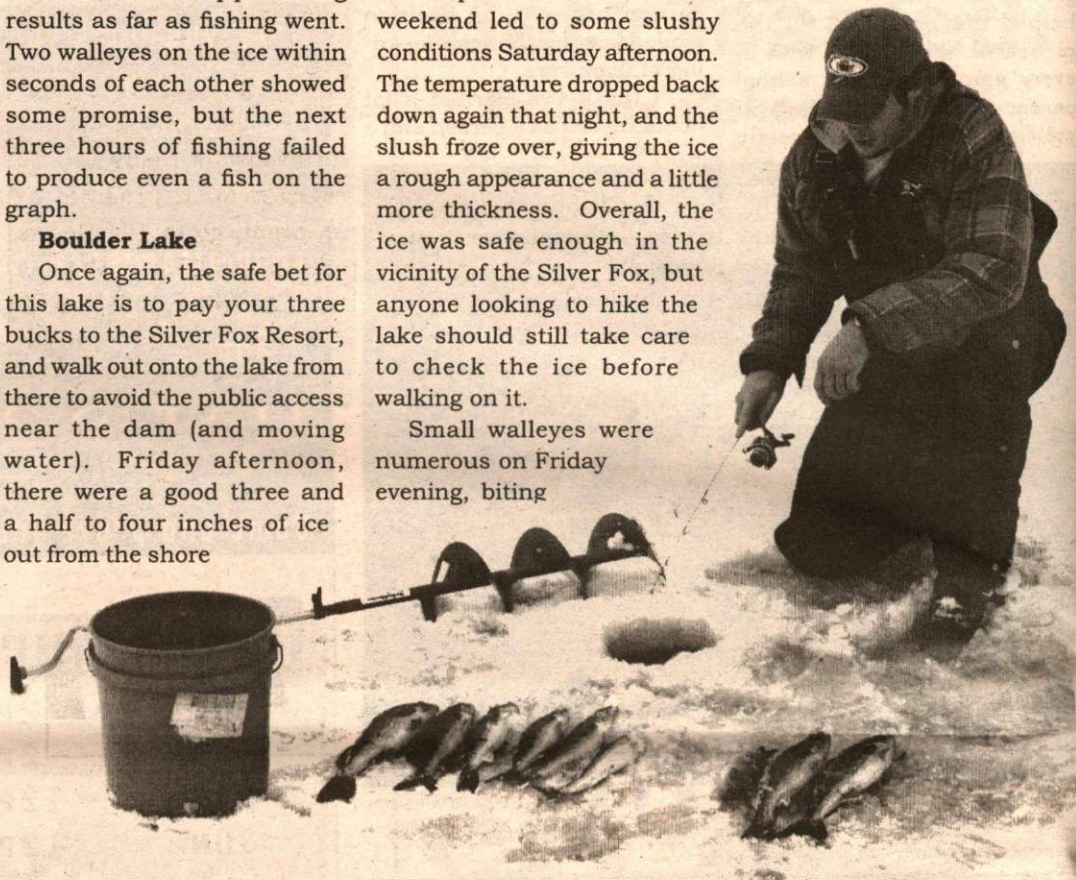
Once again, the safe bet for this lake is to pay your three bucks to the Silver Fox Resort, and walk out onto the lake from there to avoid the public access near the dam (and moving water). Friday afternoon, there were a good three and a half to four inches of ice out from the shore

150 yards or so. A little more exploring on Saturday revealed some spots with another inch or so farther from shore. The brief period of warm weather we experienced over the weekend led to some slushy conditions Saturday afternoon. The temperature dropped back down again that night, and the slush froze over, giving the ice a rough appearance and a little more thickness. Overall, the ice was safe enough in the vicinity of the Silver Fox, but anyone looking to hike the lake should still take care to check the ice before walking on it.

Small walleyes were numerous on Friday evening, biting

fairly steadily until dark in about seven feet of water. Not much for size, only a

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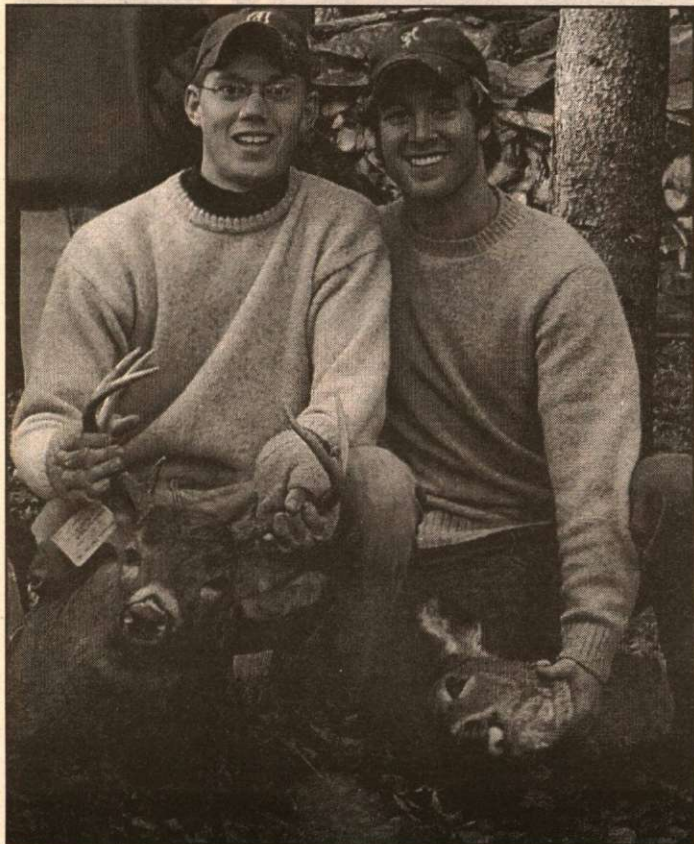


BRIAN PORTER/UMD STATESMAN

Brian Porter on Fish Lake Wednesday night. Minnows and jigging spoons, as usual, were the hot ticket items.

BIG BUCK CONTEST

This is the **last week** that entries into the Big Buck Contest will be accepted! Watch next week's *Statesman* for a winners' showcase. In the meantime, here's another entry for your consideration.



NEAL MCCULLOUGH/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

The Phantom Buck

By NEAL D. MCCULLOUGH
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Grant Jacobs has been my friend since I can remember. Our childhoods took us on many escapades including spending lots of time in the woods each fall hunting white-tail deer. I recently bought a video camera and we have been filming each other's hunts; capturing video footage and saving our adventures for others to see. Each year we show our video (G&N productions as we like to call it) to our families and friends over a wild game dinner. That evening is spent with family, good friends, great food and grand tales of our wild adventures.

This year has been very successful, but the Minnesota rifle opener was especially memorable for me. Grant had not been rifle hunting in several years so I decided to give him my hunting spot, and in return I would film the hunt. The first day of the season brought some success for us, we got a doe and so the next

day we were after a buck. That next morning, we climbed back into our treestands and in the darkness of the morning we could hear the cracking of branches and the crushing of leaves. Three deer ran through before legal shooting time so we watched as they bounded off into the thicket. As we sat 25 feet above the forest floor in our stands, the sun melted the morning frost and I knew that this morning, like most of our mornings in the field, would be a memorable one.

Shortly after the sun pierced the horizon we saw more movement in front of us. It was a buck, a good one too. He was old, with hardened antlers, gray body and white hooves. It's funny, the instant that Grant or I spot a deer we immediately go into "hunting mode," as I like to call it. So, almost like going on auto pilot, I quietly hit record on the camera and Grant slowly pushed the safety on his gun to off. We watched as the buck slowly made his way toward us, stopping only for a moment beneath our tree. The echo of his rifle report barked through the forest as I watched the hunt

unfold through the lens of my video camera. I panned out the camera to see my friend's warm breath filling the cool morning air. He was smiling ear to ear; the excitement is contagious as we celebrated with hand shakes and high-fives! We climbed down, and approached the white-hoofed, gray haired, "phantom" buck.

I realized at that moment that hunting to me is even more than shooting something, more than just "getting one." It's all the hours of preparation we put into this hunt, all the practice, all the stories and strategies we shared with our friends and family. It's those goose bumps I have on the back of my neck right now as I write this, thinking that I will have to wait another year for a chance, for another moment like that. That morning we experienced a beautiful story, and that old monarch buck -- well, he was merely the cherry on top of the cake.

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HARD WATER: Don't take unnecessary risks

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few eaters, but the action was more than enough to keep us entertained. Moving around out a little deeper wasn't terribly productive on Saturday; the fishing was quite slow that evening with only a handful of small walleyes hitting our baits.

Island Lake

This lake seems to be left alone by most anglers during the winter months. The water level can fluctuate, leading to unsafe ice at any time throughout the winter. The lake has healthy fish populations, but care should definitely be taken in fishing it. From the road, the ice looks to have formed fairly well, since the wind has kept the portion

near the Highway 4 bridge clear of snow. Early last week there were one to two inches of ice on the northwestern portion of the lake, and it is likely that another two to three inches formed by the weekend.

Several unconfirmed reports claim that Caribou and Grand lakes have four to five inches of ice, and with the current weather there should soon be a safe amount on all area lakes.

Fishing is generally productive during the first few weeks of safe ice. Fish are feeding heavily at times in anticipation of a long winter, and can provide great action if they can be located. Anyone else out fishing should let us know where you were and what kind of conditions you found so we can pass it along. Good luck to all those heading for the ice, and remember to play it safe.

Tight lines!

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UMD RSOP

Pick up a copy of the Fall 2004 RSOP program catalog in the Kirby Student Center for more information, or visit www.umdrsop.org.

Here is a short calendar of upcoming RSOP events:

- 12-9: 11:00 a.m.
Rip Across Island Lake
- 12-10: 9:30 a.m.
Surfing Strength
- 12-10: 5:00 p.m.
Snowboarding Basics

Usually, pre-registration for events is required. To register for a program or an event, go to 121 Sports and Health Center, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call 726-7128.

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The last issue of Fall Semester will be published Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004. The first issue of Spring Semester will be published Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.

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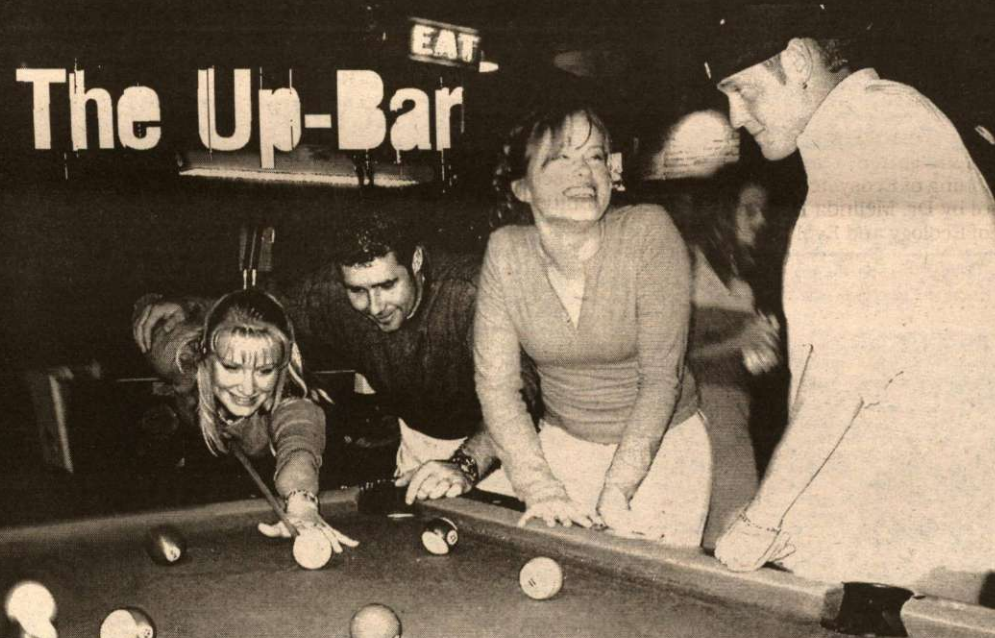
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Geology Seminar

"History of the Grassland Ecosystem of the Great Plains" will be presented by Dr. David Fox, Dept. of Geology and Geophysics, Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities, today at 3:50 p.m. in LSci 175.

Tweed Museum

Through Dec. 19 - UMD Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

Through Jan. 23 - Architectural Art & The Process of Design: Recent Projects by Northern Minnesota Architects.

Through Feb. 6 - Spirals in Space and Time: The Art of Leslie Bohnenkamp.

Student shows - Bret Petersen and Stephanie Magedanz Dec. 7-12; Sara Goodnow, Katie Woods and Sarah Welander Dec. 14-19.

Student Web Contest 2005

Win \$\$\$\$\$. Up to five \$500 awards will be given.

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. The project is to develop a Web site for an undergraduate course and/or Web based materials for an undergraduate course. The deadline for submission is Friday, Jan. 28, 2005.

Each student must have an identified faculty or departmental sponsor.

For details on the contest and to submit your site, please go to: www.d.umn.edu/itss/etrg/webcontest.html.

If a student is interested and needs a faculty or department sponsor or if the faculty or

departmental sponsor is looking for a student, please call Sheri Pihlaja at 726-6975 or e-mail spihlaja@d.umn.edu.

Music Dept.

Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. - Gloria! 3rd Annual Holiday Concert Series, performed by UMD Music's classical ensembles, Weber Music Hall.

UMD University Singers, UMD Concert Chorale, UMD Chamber Singers, UMD Wind Ensemble and UMD Symphony Orchestra present this festive holiday concert of familiar carols and a special presentation of Poulenc's "Gloria."

Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3. All seats reserved. Advance purchase recommended.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Winter Jazz. Performances by UMD Jazz I and II Ensembles, Ryan Frane and David Schmalenberger, directors at 7:30 p.m. in Weber Music Hall.

For tickets and information, call 726-8877 for tickets.

Recruiting!

Peer Education Program (PEP) is recruiting. We're the Condom Man people and we need new members for spring semester. \$75 cash stipend, fun campus events, education, friends and good times. Only committed students need apply.

Contact Lauretta Perry at lperry@d.umn.edu or Shelly DeCaigny at sdecaign@d.umn.edu.

A Christmas Memory

UMD Professor of English Joseph Maiolo will read Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. in Weber Music Hall.

The event is free and open to everyone.

Math Colloquium

"Math Wars" will be presented by Carmen Latterell, UMD Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, today at 3:15 p.m. in 130 SCC.

International Brown Bag

"Reverse Migration: The Role of Returning Immigrants in Ghana's Economic Development" will be presented by John Arthur, professor and chair of the UMD Sociology/Anthropology Dept., today at noon in 130 SCC.

Arthur's research in Ghana examined the reasons and problems associated with repatriating to Ghana.

He will show pictures of his stay and examine his findings as well as their relation to international migration and Ghana's economic development process. He will also discuss the challenges of doing field research in a developing country.

Biology Seminar

"Dominance and the Functioning of Ecosystems" will be presented by Dr. Melinda D. Smith, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Friday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

Stress Management Seminar

Munch Hour (Health Services) presents a free seminar entitled "60 Seconds to Better Test Scores!" Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m.-noon in KPlz 309.

This technique takes about one hour to explain; but once you know how it works, you can use it anytime and anyplace in less than a minute! Handouts available. The speaker will be able to stay after in KPlz 309 until 2 p.m. and speak with individuals.

BONUS...She'll teach you how to shorten the time that you need to sleep and improve the quality of the sleep you get.

Most college students are sleep deprived to some extent. Find out if you are one of them, and what to do about it if you are.

Can't make it at 11 a.m.? The presenter is willing to hang around on campus (in the Food Court) from 2-6 p.m.

Blue Parking Permits

Blue Parking Permits will go on sale Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at 9 a.m. in the Parking Services Office, 120 KPlz. The cost is \$55, cash or check.

Please bring a student/faculty/staff ID card and vehicle information: make, model, year, license number.

The sale will be on a first come/first served basis since a limited number will be sold.

If you are graduating, transferring or no longer need your blue permit, please turn it into Parking Services for a refund

so that we can sell it to another in need.

Housing

If you are a gay male student, or gay-friendly student living in the residence hall, and want to change rooms, please contact Angie Nichols, Dir. of GLBT Services for info/appointment at 726-7300 or anichols@d.umn.edu.

UMD Theatre

The Heidi Chronicles will be presented Dec. 9-12 and 14-18, at 7:30 p.m., except Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. in Marshall Performing Arts Center.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play is a heartwarming and hilarious look at one woman's attempt to find her place in the world.

Normally directed by UMD Theatre faculty, The Heidi Chronicles is under the direction of UMD Theatre major Maureen Sexton.

Tickets are \$13/adults, \$10/seniors and students and \$6/UMD students and children and can be purchased at the Theatre Box Office or by calling 726-8561.

Student Grief Group

The Student Grief Group meets Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. in K361.

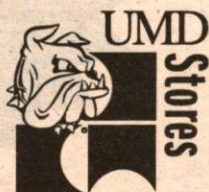
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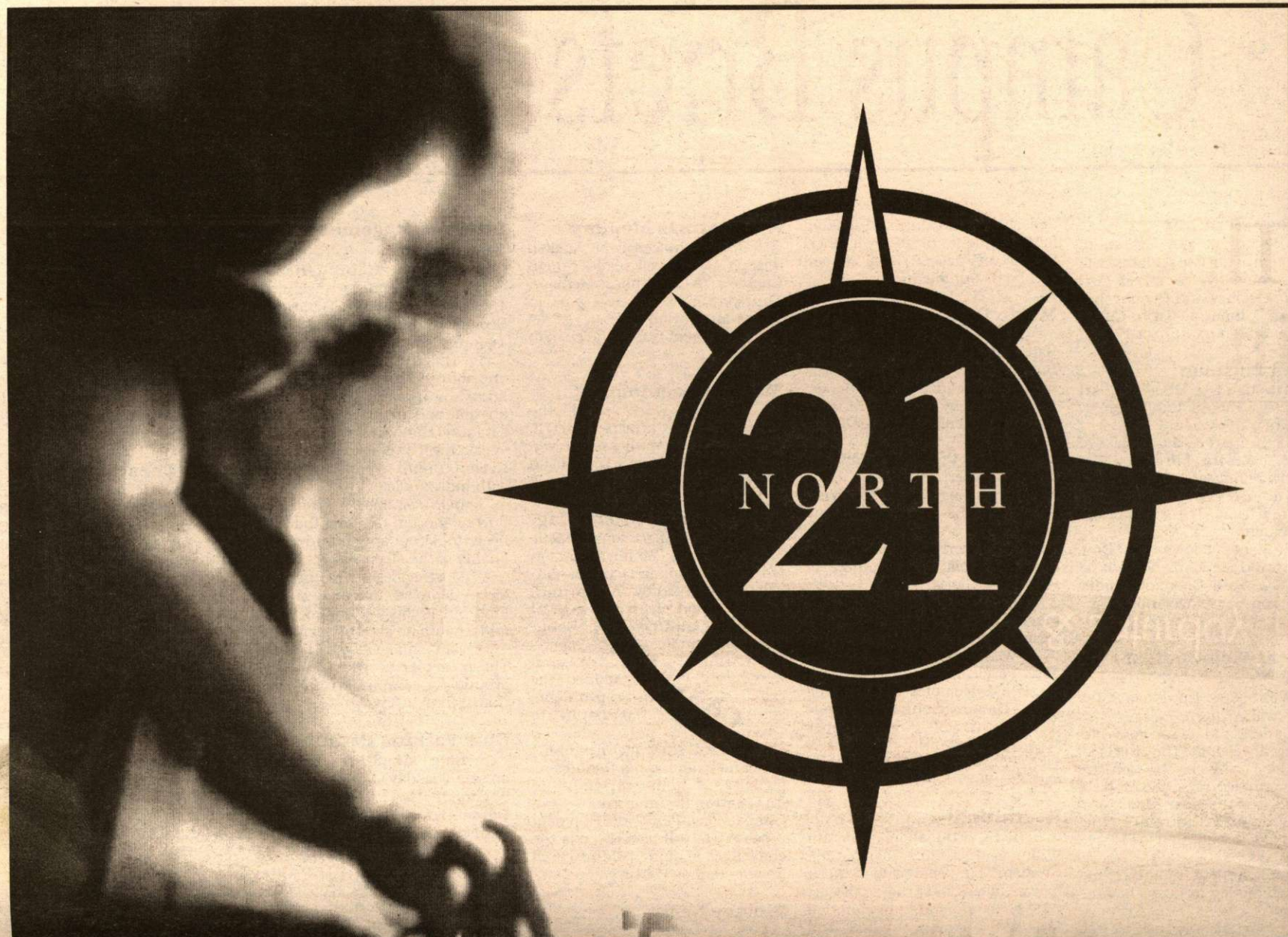


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Monday, Dec. 20 8am - 4pm
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